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From: Commanding Officer, USS NIAGARA FALLS (AFS-3)

To: Director of Naval History (OP-09BH)

Subj: Command History (OPNAV Report 5750-1)

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.1C

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- (6) 8 X 10 Picture of NIAGARA FALLS

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) through (6) are forwarded as OPNAV Report 5750-1 for calendar year 1983.

  
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COMMANDING OFFICERS OF USS NIAGARA FALLS (AFS-3)

CAPT H.C. HOLLEY, USN  
25 APR 1967 - 31 AUG 1968

CAPT A.F. HUFF, USN  
31 AUG 1968 - 11 FEB 1970

CAPT E.M. COOKE, USN  
11 FEB 1970 - 20 OCT 1971

CAPT C.C. CARTER, USN  
20 OCT 1971 - 30 SEP 1972

CAPT C.A. LONG, JR, USN  
30 SEP 1972 - 15 MAR 1974

CAPT C.S. CHRISTIANSEN, JR, USN  
15 MAR 1974 - 16 JUN 1975

CAPT E.B. MCDANIEL, USN  
16 JUN 1975 - 10 SEP 1976

CAPT P.F. MCCARTHY, JR, USN  
10 SEP 1976 - 28 DEC 1977

CAPT R.E. SCHLENZIG, USN  
28 DEC 1977 - 7 DEC 1979

CAPT B.C. LEE, USN  
7 DEC 1979 - 14 JUL 1981

CAPT R.R. TERRY, USN  
14 JUL 1981 - 12 JAN 1983

CAPT J.M. BOWERS, JR, USN  
12 JAN 1983 - PRESENT

Enclosure (1)

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS, 1983

1-2 Jan Inport NAS Alameda, CA  
3 Jan Underway enroute Southern California operating areas  
4 Jan Arrive Southern California operating areas  
5 Jan CONREP USS WADSWORTH (FFG-9)  
6 Jan CONREP USS JUNEAU (LPD-10)  
CONREP USS RAMSEY (DDG-2)  
7 Jan CONREP USS MEYERCORD (FF-1058)  
CONREP USS ELLIOT (DD-967)  
Enroute NAS Alameda, CA  
10 Jan Arrive NAS Alameda, CA  
12 Jan Change of Command CAPT J. M. Bowers, JR, USN assumes Command  
13-16 Jan Inport NAS Alameda, CA  
17 Jan Mobile Team Training Phase I  
19 Jan Underway for Mobile Team Training Phase I  
21 Jan-2 Feb Inport NAS Alameda, CA  
2 Feb Crew moves ashore  
3 Feb Defuel at Point Molate, CA  
4 Feb Enter Todd Shipyard for Drydock Selective Restricted Availability (DSRA)  
2 Mar Enter drydock at Todd Shipyard San Francisco, CA  
4 Apr Undock, return to pier at Todd Shipyard San Francisco, CA  
18 Apr Engine room lock out in preparation for sea trials  
22 Apr Crew moves aboard  
9-12 May Crew certification Phase I  
13 May Crew certification Phase II  
16 May Dock Trials  
Aviation Readiness Evaluation assist visit  
23 May Fast Cruise  
25 May Underway to Point Molate, CA for fuel on load  
Underway for Sea Trials  
27 May Arrive Todd Shipyard San Francisco, CA  
2-3 Jun Underway for Sea Trials  
Underway to NAS Alameda, CA  
3-7 Jun Arrive/Inport NAS Alameda, CA  
8 Jun Move to anchorage 14 San Francisco Bay to on load ammunition  
9 Jun Move to NSC Oakland, CA  
10-17 Jun Inport NSC Oakland, CA  
13-15 Jun Mobile Team Training Phase I - Inport  
16-18 Jun Underway for Mobile Team Training Phase I  
19 Jun Arrive NSC Oakland, CA  
20-23 Jun Sea qualification trials - Inport  
24 Jun Underway for Sea Qualification Trials  
24-28 Jun Conduct System Quality Test with USS FLINT (AE-32)  
29 Jun Gunnery exercise with USNS Souix  
30 Jun Arrive NAS Alameda, CA  
1 Jul Dependents Cruise  
2-17 Jul Inport NAS Alameda, CA  
11-12 Jul Aviation Readiness Evaluation

18 Jul	Underway for Northern California operating areas
22-24 Jul	Arrive/Inport NSC Oakland, CA
25 Jul	Underway to Northern California operating area to conduct Mobile Team Training Phase II
29 Jul	Arrive NAS Alameda, CA
30 Jul	Training Readiness Evaluation
31 Jul-2 Aug	Inport NAS Alameda, CA
3 Aug	Underway to Northern California operating area
5-8 Aug	Arrive/Inport NAS Alameda, CA
9-11 Aug	Underway for Operational Propulsion Plant Examination
11 Aug	Arrive NSC Oakland, CA
13 Aug	Move berths to DSR PAC Alameda, CA
16 Aug	Move berths to NAS Alameda, CA
16 Aug-6 Sep	Inport NAS Alameda, CA
22-25 Aug	Post Overhaul Validation
6 Sep	Change homeport to Guam
	Underway for Guam conducting Refresher Training enroute
9 Sep	Refuel USS SCHOFIELD (FFG-3)
12 Sep	CONREP USS WILLAMETTE (AO-180)
14-15 Sep	Arrive/Inport Pearl Harbor, HI
16 Sep	Underway for Guam conducting Refresher Training enroute
	CONREP WILLAMETTE (AO-180)
21 Sep	CONREP USS WHIPPLE (FF-1052)
24 Sep	Change operational control to SEVENTH Fleet
27 Sep-25 Oct	Arrive/Inport Guam
28 Sep	VADM Schrader COMNAVSURFPAC visits
26 Oct	Underway for Battle Week 1-84
27 Oct	CONREP USNS HASSAYAMPA (TAO-145)
	CONREP USS OUELLET (FF-1077)
	CONREP USS ENGLAND (CG-22)
28 Oct	CONREP USS ENGLAND (CG-22)
	CONREP USS WADSWORTH (FFG-9)
	CONREP USS BRONSTEIN (FF-1037)
	CONREP USS ALBERT E DAVID (FF-1050)
30 Oct	CONREP USS OUELLET (FF-1077)
	CONREP USS WADSWORTH (FFG-9)
	CONREP USNS HASSAYAMPA (TAO-145)
31 Oct	CONREP USS ELLIOT (DD-967)
	CONREP USS BROOKE (FFG-1)
	CONREP USS BADGER (FF-1071)
1-6 Nov	Arrive/Inport Guam
7 Nov	Underway for Subic Bay, R.P conducting Mobile Team Training Phase I enroute
12-18 Nov	Arrive/Inport Subic Bay R.P.
19 Nov	Underway for Hong Kong providing services to Task Group 70-1 enroute
22 Nov	CONREP USS REEVES (CG-24)
23 Nov	CONREP USNS NAVASOTA (TAO-106)
24-28 Nov	Arrive/Inport Hong Kong

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29 Nov	Underway for Yokosuka, Japan conducting Mobile Team Training Phase II enroute
4 Dec	Arrive Yokosuka, Japan
5-11 Dec	Training availability inport Yokosuka, Japan
9 Dec	A R E
12 Dec	Underway for Guam
16-31 Dec	Arrive/Inport Guam

NARRATIVE 1983

On New Year's Day 1983, USS NIAGARA FALLS was berthed at Naval Air Station Alameda, CA. Two days later, NIAGARA FALLS concluded her holiday period and got underway to provide replenishment services in conjunction with Fleet Training Group San Diego evolutions. From 5-7 January NIAGARA FALLS replenished USS WADSWORTH, USS JUNEAU, USS RAMSEY, USS MEYERCORD, AND USS ELLIOT. The Tenth of January saw NIAGARA FALLS inport NAS Alameda, CA and in preparation for her change of Command two days later. On 12 January CAPT J. M. BOWERS, JR, USN relieved CAPT R.J. TERRY, USN as Commanding Officer and embarked on what would prove to be a most eventful year for his ship. The following week was spent in preparation for the first of many Mobile Team Training assists that which would take place this year. On 17 through 21 January the first MTT assist was conducted. NIAGARA FALLS was inport NAS Alameda for the duration of the month but not inactive. Last minute preparations for the upcoming Drydock Selective Restricted Availability (DSRA) were made, including moving the crew ashore to barracks at Treasure Island on the Second of February. Three February was spent at PT Molate fuel pier defueling the ship in preparation for entering Todd Shipyard San Francisco the Following day. The next four months saw the unbeatable team of NIAGARA FALLS, Todd Shipyard and SUPSHIP San Francisco pulling together to provide NIAGARA FALLS with the successful completion of hundreds of jobs. During this period, NIAGARA FALLS received word that she would undergo a homeport change. On 7 February, this word was verified by official announcement that NIAGARA FALLS would change homeports to Guam in September 1983. Immediately plans and preparation were started that ultimately resulted in a successful homeport change. On 2 March NIAGARA FALLS entered drydock at Todd Shipyard where she continued repairs and overhaul until 4 April when she left drydock and returned to her pierside berth at Todd Shipyard. 18 April saw engine room lock out in preparation for sea trials which were conducted on 25 May after completion of Phase I and II of Crew Certification on 9-13 May, dock trials on 16 May and a fast cruise on 23 May. An Aviation Readiness Evaluation Assist Visit was also conducted on 16 May.

NIAGARA FALLS got underway on 25 May for sea trials and, after a brief stop at Point Molate for fuel, headed under the Golden Gate for the first time since changing Command. Sea trials revealed some needed repairs in the engineroom so NIAGARA FALLS returned to Todd Shipyard on 27 May for final equipment fine tuning. On 2 June NIAGARA FALLS commenced her second sea trial and after successful completion of all equipment checks, returned to NAS Alameda 3 June where she remained until 7 June except for a brief move to Anchorage 14 on the Fourth to onload munitions.

On 8 June, NIAGARA FALLS moved to NSC Oakland to open pier space at NAS Alameda for pier renovation and berth dredging. Thirteen June saw NIAGARA FALLS undertake her first of the many training examinations that would dominate her summer months as she started Mobile Team Training Phase I. After four days underway for MTT, NIAGARA FALLS returned to NSC Oakland on 19 June and prepared herself for Sea Qualification Trials with USS FLINT the following week. Following four days of inport training from 20-23 June, NIAGARA FALLS departed NSC Oakland in company of FLINT conducting underway Sea Qualification Trials until 28 June Twenty Eighth when FLINT detached. During these trials the newly installed Navy standard winches proved themselves as a reliable addition to NIAGARA FALLS underway replenishment equipment

Enclosure (3)

suite. Before returning home to NAS Alameda on 30 June, NIAGARA FALLS demonstrated her gunnery expertise in a gunnery exercise with the USNS SOUXI towing a target. On 1 July NIAGARA FALLS embarked dependents for a day long cruise around San Francisco Bay. After a turn around Alcatraz and successfully avoiding a persistent fog bank at the Golden Gate Bridge, NIAGARA FALLS anchored at Anchorage Twelve for a afternoon picnic before returning to berth at NAS Alameda. From July 2 to the 17th, daily engineering casualty control dominated the preparations for Mobile Team Training Phase II. This pace was temporarily interrupted on 11 and 12 July, when the ship underwent its Aviation Readiness Evaluation, for which she received a Class 2 Level 4 Certification. On 18 July NIAGARA FALLS got underway for a week long trip to the Northern California operating areas to finalize her training preparations for MTT before returning to NSC Oakland on 22 July. NIAGARA FALLS spent 25 through 29 July underway demonstrating her engineering proficiency to the MTT Inspectors before returning to NAS Alameda in time to conduct a Training Readiness Evaluation on 30 July.

NIAGARA FALLS was again underway on 3 August conducting engineering plant training in preparation for a TYCOM run Operational Propulsion Plant Examination. Final material readiness preparations were made inport NAS Alameda from 5 to 8 August before getting underway for TYCOM-OPPE on 9 August. NIAGARA FALLS commenced her dry stores load out on 11 August upon return to NSC Oakland and shifted berths to the freezer piers at DSR PAC Alameda on 13 August to load freeze with load out complete on 16 August. NIAGARA FALLS moved to NAS Alameda for the last time and engaged in completing final preparations for her homeport change.

On 6 September NIAGARA FALLS bid San Francisco a final farewell, as she sailed under the Golden Gate enroute to her new homeport of Guam. Any remorse was quickly swept away as Fleet Training Group Pearl Harbor's Inspectors thrust NIAGARA FALLS into Refresher Training. After refueling SCHOFIELD on 9 September and replenishing WILLAMETTE on 12 September NIAGARA FALLS spent a well deserved two days of rest in Pearl Harbor before getting underway for the final leg of her journey to her new homeport with Refresher Training continuing enroute. NIAGARA FALLS provided replenishment services to WILLAMETTE again on 16 September and to WHIPPLE on 21 September. Twenty four September brought NIAGARA FALLS under the operational control of SEVENTH Fleet and with Refresher Training completed. She entered Apra Harbor, Guam on the morning of 27 September. Her warm welcome to Guam was kicked off by a fiesta on the pier, followed by many fiestas around the Island during the following weeks. VADM Schrader, COMNAVSURFPAC welcomed NIAGARA FALLS to Guam during his visit aboard on 28 September.

The rest of September and much of October was spent settling into her new home and in the installation of her new SNAP I Phase II computer system. This complete NIAGARA FALLS got underway to support the forces engaged in Battle Week 1-84. Before returning to port on 1 November, NIAGARA FALLS showed the fleet that she is still second to none in service to the fleet by replenishing HASSAYAMPA, OUELLET AND ENGLAND on 27 October, ENGLAND, WADSWORTH, BRONSTEIN, AND ALBERT E. DAVID on 28 October, OUELLET, WADSWORTH AND HASSAYAMPA on the thirteenth and finally the ELLIOT, BROOK AND BADGER on Halloween.

The first six days of November were spent in final preparation for her third MTT phase I of the year. On 7 November, NIAGARA FALLS got underway for Subic Bay, conducting MTT Phase I enroute. After arriving in Subic Bay on 12 November NIAGARA FALLS conducted load out and an all hands physical fitness examination. NIAGARA FALLS was again underway on 19 January for a port visit to Hong Kong, providing services to Task Group 70-1 enroute. Due to heavy seas and high winds created by typhoons Marge and Percy, only REEVES requested stores, which she received on 22 November.

Thanksgiving day found NIAGARA FALLS arriving smartly alongside HMS Tamar, Hong Kong for five days of liberty. On 29 November with the MTT inspectors again on board NIAGARA FALLS set sail for Yokosuka, conducting Phase II of her Mobile Team Training enroute.

Slightly rocked by the winds and seas of typhoon Ruth, NIAGARA FALLS sailed for Yokosuka, Japan arriving 4 December for a week long training availability during which 230 personnel completed school. On 9 December NIAGARA FALLS underwent her second Aviation Readiness Evaluation which identified needed flight deck repairs prior to receiving certification.

Twelve to Sixteen December were spent in transit to Guam, where NIAGARA FALLS remained throughout the remainder of the year. For her efforts, NIAGARA FALLS was awarded her second communications "C", Third Deck Seamanship Award and Eighth Supply "E".



OFFICER PERSONNEL 1983

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Bowers, J.M., JR   CAPT  
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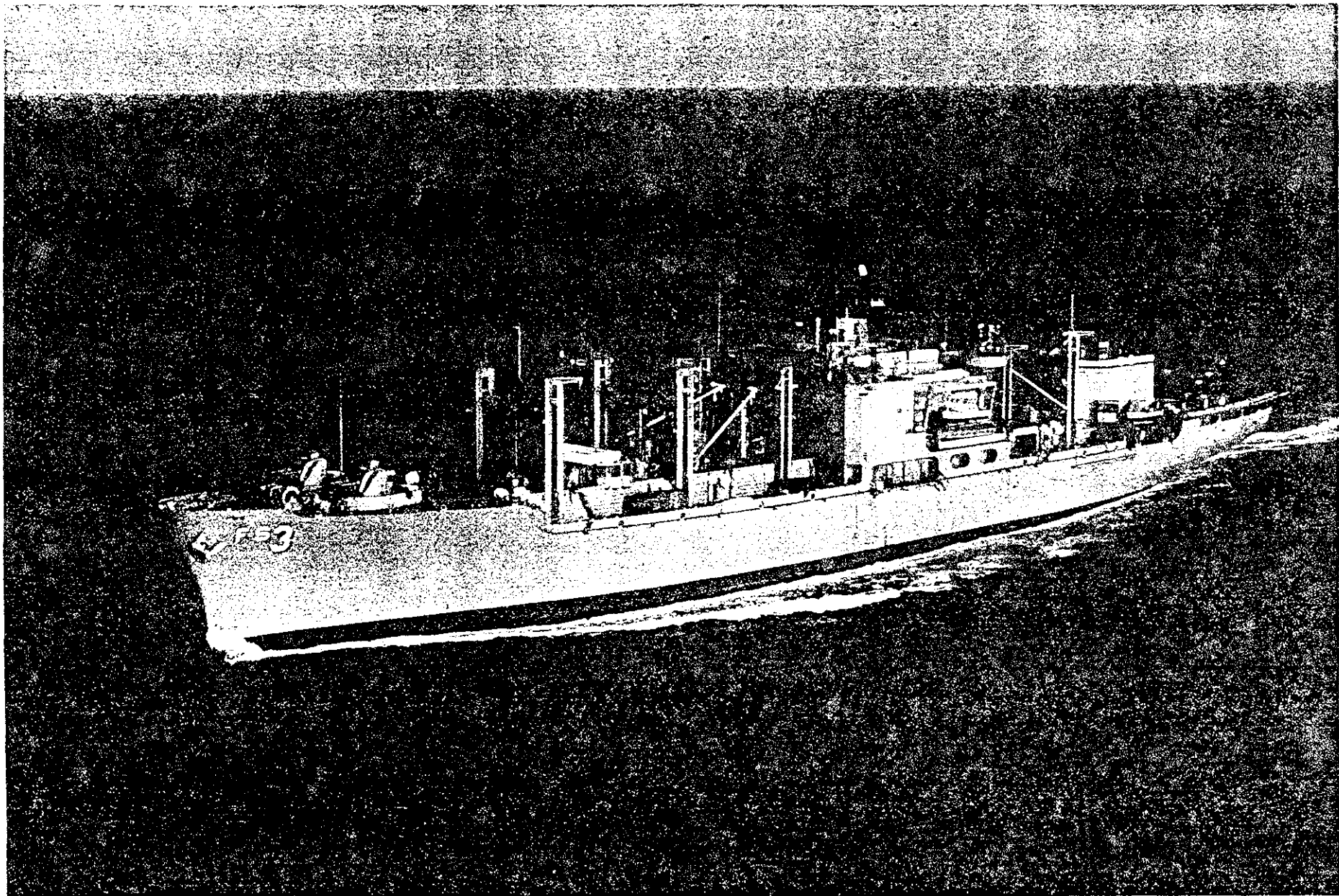
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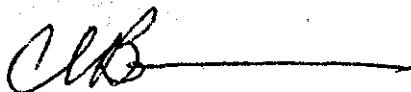
From: Executive Officer, USS NIAGARA FALLS (AFS-3)  
To: Commanding Officer, USS NIAGARA FALLS (AFS-3)  
Subj: Final Evaluation of 1983 Command and Departmental Goals  
Ref: (a) USS NIAGARA FALLS (AFS-3) Notice 5224 of 13 April 1983  
Encl: (1) Overall Command Goals  
(2) Operations Department Goals  
(3) Deck Department Goals  
(4) Engineering Department Goals  
(5) Supply Department Goals  
(6) Medical Department Goals

1. Enclosures (1) through (6) comprise my final evaluation of 1983 Command and Departmental goals. In compiling this evaluation, I have drawn heavily upon inputs from the Department Heads and my predecessor; however, in some cases I have not been quite as optimistic in my own evaluation as the inputs received.

2. Some goals were well written and therefore easily evaluated; others were too general to measure accurately. In order to provide the most accurate evaluation possible, I have divided each enclosure into the following categories:

- a. 100% complete.
- b. Not measureable: (comments on success in parens).
- c. Not met: (percentage completion actual or estimated and relevant comments in parens).

Very respectfully,



C. M. BENN  
LCDR, U. S. Naval Reserve

## OVERALL COMMAND GOALS FOR 1983

### a. 100% Complete:

2a. Retention: To attain the following minimum retention percentages during calendar year 1983:

Second term: 90% (100% gross/100% net)

5. Continuously and vigorously promote a zero tolerance for illicit drug use or trafficking.

7. Conduct a quarterly personnel inspection.

8. Conduct a quarterly seabag inspection for each non-rated crewmember.

10. Exercise the procedures for meritorious Captain's Mast.

13. Promote and maintain an active athletics program.

16. Plan, organize and communicate details for a possible homeport change that will have the least possible negative impact on crewmembers.

17. All departments complete an assist visit from an outside activity in all possible areas prior to 01 June 1983.

### b. Not measureable:

6e. Enhancement of the professional and spiritual growth of each crewmember. (Significant professional growth certainly realized through preparations for inspections, assist visits, shipboard training program, and REFTRA/MTT I and II. Enhancement of spiritual growth probably attained through religious services and bible study.)

6f. To provide every crewmember with humane and fair treatment enhancing the dignity and self-worth of each individual and their dependents. (Every effort has been made to ensure this goal is met.)

6g. To absolutely stamp out any form of discrimination and injustice. (Very few complaints of discrimination received at HRC; some instances of unreported discrimination surely took place. Whether injustice has been absolutely stamped out undoubtedly depends upon the point of view of the evaluator.)

6h. Promote and maintain a sincere loyalty to the command. (While impossible to measure, instances of both loyalty and disloyalty are documentable; room for improvement undoubtedly remains.)

6i. Promote and maintain a "Do as I do" and not a "Do as I say" brand of leadership at all levels of command and supervision. (This brand of leadership has certainly been promoted; existence of "Dog-wrench leadership" in some isolated cases leaves room for improvement in the maintenance part of the goal.)

Enclosure (1)



6j. Remain courteous, responsive, and cooperative in dealings with every member of this command as well as members of other commands. (On the whole, this goal has been met; undoubtedly some examples of failure to achieve it exist.)

6k. Utilization of the Chain of Command and make it responsive. (Success about average. Request chits continue to remain unanswered within a reasonable amount of time in some instances. Chain of Command is periodically "jumped", however instances of "walk-ins" are on the decline.)

9. Provide assistance to any crewmember or dependent seeking same. (Track record appears to be good; survey of the crew could unearth some interesting comments and is recommended.)

11. To operate the ship with professional style and skill. (We believe we have accomplished this, and much evidence in favorable comments from others has been received to support that opinion. Improvement can be made.)

12. Maintain a minimum CASREP posture. Take all steps necessary to retain maximum onboard repair capability in order to be self-sufficient and minimize use of the CASREP system. (Results about average.)

c. Not met:

1. Utilization of every school quota assigned. Zero no shows. (Record since homeport shift good.) (95%)

2. Retention: To retain every eligible crewmember and attain the following minimum retention percentages:

First term: 40% (21% gross/40% net)

Career: 90% (67% gross/67% net)

3. Actively support the Pro-Navy program to the extent that every officer and each enlisted man assigned to this command submits a Pro-Navy referral during 1983.

4. Completion of the DSRA with absolutely no outstanding CASREPS and all equipment previously identified as malfunctioning on the 8 O'Clock reports corrected. (90%)

6a. All personnel with sufficient time in service, who are recommended for advancement complete requirements on time and take advancement exams. (96%)

6b. Reduce unauthorized absence by at least 25% from 1982. (UA's increased.)

6c. Reduce UCMJ violations by at least 25% from 1982. (UCMJ violations increased.)

6d. High standards of military smartness and cleanliness of the ship. (High standards established, however standards not achieved.)

14. Promote and maintain high standards of physical fitness and weight control for each crewmember and ensure at least a weekly opportunity is provided for maintaining fitness standards. (Standards established, but not achieved during 1983.)

15. Ensure each Division Officer and Workcenter Supervisor attends the appropriate Career Counseling School and actively puts their acquired knowledge to use to accomplish goal #2. (75%)

18. Have 15% of the crew ESWS qualified by the end of 1983. (01%)

19. Successful completion of all sea trials the first time, all equipment operates up to its highest specifications as advertised.



Operations Department

a. 100% complete:

- 3a. Ensure ship departs CONUS with all required NEC's.
- 5. Ensure continued efforts to make measure program viable.
- 6. Reduce number of discrepancies noted of last year's CSRT by at least 60%.
- 7. Increase onboard utilization of MOTU training courses in order to reduce CASREP's on electronic equipment (except when supply related) to zero.
- 9a. Receive a grade of "outstanding" in REFTRA, with no major discrepancies.
- 12. Obtain training from FLTWEAPCENGUAM on weather observations, reporting, and typhoon evasion of all QM's, OS's, line officers and Duty Operations Officers no later than 31 December 1983.

b. Not measureable:

- 2. "Outstanding" grade in Command Administrative Inspection. (Not held).
- 13. Continue to uphold NIAGARA FALLS' reputation as the finest operational AFS in PACFLT.

c. Not met:

- 1. 100% success rate in handling all emergency action messages such as Beard Iron, Kent Runner, White Pinnacle, etc. (Passed all but one HICOM test; about 90% complete.)
- 3b. Ensure that ship departs CONUS with 95% required TYCOM designated formal school graduates onboard. (65%)
- 4. Zero discrepancies in CMS portion of command inspection.
- 5. Ensure COSAL is validated at the department level to reflect adequate supply support for all onboard electronic systems. (COSAL support not obtained for AN/SPA-25F's)
- 9b. Receive grade of "outstanding" on TRE.
- 10. Reduce message traffic distribution and processing errors by 50%. (Estimated 85% complete; still needs work.)
- 11. Pass TACAN certification on the first attempt and be able to switch channels in Sept without having to CASREP TACAN.

Deck Department

a. 100% Complete:

1. Exit from the overhaul in "ready for sea" conditions.
4. Receive grades of "outstanding" in all administrative inspections such as ARE, TRE, SESI.
5. Repeat awards in deck seamanship.
7. Make the homeport transition flow smoothly for the troops.

b. Not measureable: None.

c. Not met:

2. Have all deck department (less gunnery and machinists/electricians) graduate from stream school. (75% complete, and unlikely to increase due to location of school.)
3. Have all ship's boats in A-1 condition. (50%)
6. Zero CASREPS.

## Engineering Department

### a. 100% complete:

3. Total rehab of after steering.
4. Total rehab of shaft alley.
7. Establishment of a long range training program which allows the passing of MTT Phase I and Phase II plus OPPE.
10. Establishment of a DCETT to monitor and direct training during General Quarters.

### b. Not measureable: None.

### c. Not met:

1. Establishment of a complete valve maintenance shop, including it's own work center designation as EB 14 along with trained mechanics to man the shop. (A valve maintenance shop has been established and is workable. The original goal was to make this its own work center EB 14; this work center is already established onboard (oil lab). Only remaining action to make this shop 100% is to install a new sandblaster and write up new valve maintenance index cards.) (90%)

2. Establishment of the carbon ribbon packing procedures/program. (There has been no progress in the area of carbon ribbon packing due to the lack of certified personnel and the extensive amount of machine work required to make the majority of our valves acceptable for CRP. Unrealistic goal without a major ROH.) (0%)

5. Establishment of a gauge calibration shop. (Enough qualified individuals and the proper equipment are onboard. Action remaining includes a rejuvenation/update of measure cards and further implementation of our critical gauge program.) (25%)

6. Rehab of engineering shower and head areas. (60%)

8. Zero material discrepancies in the main engineering spaces at completion of overhaul. (Our predecessors estimated this to be 80% complete at the completion of overhaul. Present discrepancies are various and listed in the MTT II POAM. None which are not correctable prior to OPPRE.

9. Flame spraying of at least 70% of valves located in or under control of engineering. (55%)

11. Strict compliance with EOSS procedures during 1983. (EOSS procedures have been scrutinized by numerous agencies. Pen and ink changes have been made and feedbacks submitted. We need now to drill and become more familiar with our procedures.) (75%)

12. Ensure every valve in the engineering spaces is marked with an identification number. (Renewed emphasis is being placed upon this item, and further assistance is expected from SRF, Guam.) (30%)

Enclosure (4)

Supply Department

a. 100% Complete:

1. 99% on soap after restow.
2. Clean out of all unmatched listings.
3. Clean up RQN file.
4. Ensure all COSAL documents are up to date before sail to Guam.
7. Stock turn of 1.75 in each period in ship service activities. (FY83 stock turn 6.79. Average per accounting period 2.26.)
8. Install new soda fountain.
9. Outstanding on SMI.
10. Educate people to ensure best possible relief without missing a beat.
11. Provide assistance to other commands and remain 100% oriented to service to the Fleet and customer satisfaction based on the customers's needs.

b. Not measureable:

5. Improve sanitation in all messes. (Roach count at alltime low.)
6. Implement frill items in EDF. (Habitability improvements made.)

c. Not met: None.

Medical Department.

a. 100% complete:

1. Manning.
2. Redesign stock system in accordance with COMSERVGRU ONE Instructions.
- 3a. Conduct weekly inservice training for sickbay personnel.
- 3b2. Stretcher bearer training teams educated.
- 3b3. Education of crew with regards to venereal disease.
- 3b5. Education of crew with regard to first aid.
- 4a. Pest control: Weekly inspections and spraying.
- 4b. Food service: Weekly inspections.
- 4c. Water analysis: Weekly inspections more frequently as needed.
- 4d. Heat stress: Daily inspections of laundry, galleys, engineering spaces.
- 4f. G6PD screening: Crew to be tested by deployment for compatibility with anti-malarial drugs.
- 4h. TB screening completed.

b. Not measureable: None.

c. Not met:

- 3b1. Plan to qualify all Officers and Chief Petty Officer in CPR. (10%)
- 3b4. NBC Warfare education of crew. (May originally have been completed, however, current status only about 70% due to turnover subsequent to REFTRA.)
- 4e. Complete immunization of crew. (80%)
- 4g. 90% completion of annual audiogram screening. (50%)
- 4j. Effective implementation of weight control program in conjunction with command fitness coordinator. (Implemented on paper; end of year approximately 50% effective.)
- 4k. 90% Dental readiness. (Not complete due to turnover.) (70%)



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Encl: (1) Commanding Officers of USS NIAGARA FALLS (AFS 3)  
(2) Chronology of Events, 1984  
(3) Narrative of 1984  
(4) Officer Personnel of USS NIAGARA FALLS 1984  
(5) 8X10 Picture of CAPT Gary L. BECK, USN, (b) (6) /1310, Commanding  
Officer  
(6) 8X10 Picture of NIAGARA FALLS

1984

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (6) are forwarded as OPNAV Report 5750-1 for calendar year 1984.

*G. L. Beck*  
G. L. BECK

**COMMANDING OFFICERS OF USS NIAGARA FALLS (AFS 3)**

**CAPT H. C. HOLLEY, USN**  
25APR67 - 31AUG68

**CAPT A. F. HUFF, USN**  
31AUG68 - 11FEB70

**CAPT E. M. COOKE, USN**  
11FEB70 - 20OCT71

**CAPT C. C. CARTER, USN**  
20OCT - 30SEP72

**CAPT C. A. LONG, JR, USN**  
30SEP72 - 15MAR74

**CAPT C. S. CHRISTIANSEN, JR, USN**  
15MAR74 - 16JUN75

**CAPT E. B. MCDANIEL, USN**  
16JUN75 - 10SEP76

**CAPT P. F. MCCARTHY, JR, USN**  
10SEP76 - 28DEC77

**CAPT R. E. SCHLENZIG, USN**  
28DEC77 - 07DEC79

**CAPT B. C. LEE, USN**  
07DEC79 - 14JUL81

**CAPT R. R. TERRY, USN**  
14JUL81 - 12JAN83

**CAPT J. M. BOWERS, JR, USN**  
12JAN83 - 28JUN84

**CAPT G. L. BECK, USN**  
28JUN84 - PRESENT

## CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS 1984

1-8 Jan	Inport Guam
09 Jan	Underway for Subic Bay, RP
14 Jan	Commodore Butcher visits
15 Jan	Arrive Subic Bay, RP
25 Jan	Underway for Yokosuka, Japan
30 Jan	Arrive Yokosuka, Japan
31 Jan	Commence Training Availability with COMFLETRAGRU WESTPAC with 267 quotas
	Food Management Team Assist visit
08 Feb	Underway for Guam GRUSL with USS SAN JOSE (AFS 7)
13 Feb	Arrive Guam
14 Feb	Commence MTT Phase II
15 Feb	Underway for Guam OPAREAS for MTT Phase II
18 Feb	Arrive Guam
27 Feb	Commence DC Readiness Review Week
03 Mar	Underway for Guam OPAREAS for OPPRE PREPS
05 Mar	Arrive Guam
06 Mar	Commence PEB/OPPRE
	Underway for Guam OPAREAS for PEB/OPPRE
08 Mar	Arrive Guam
12 Mar	Underway for Sasebo, Japan. Embark HC-5 Det 1
16 Mar	Arrive Sasebo, Japan
19-25 Mar	Underway for Team Spirit 84
20 Mar	NIAGARA FALLS Commando Raid on USS DUBUQUE as part of Team Spirit 84
23 Mar	VERTREP USS WABASH (AOR 5)
24 Mar	VERTREP USS KITTY HAWK (CV 63). VERTREP USS MAUNA KEA (AE 22)
25-26 Mar	Provide contingency UNREP for USS MAUNA KEA and USS OUELLET FOR SPECOPS for Soviet Victor Class Submarine which collided with USS KITTY HAWK on 24 March
25 Mar	VERTREP USS ST LOUIS (LKA 116)
	VERTREP USS DUBUQUE (LPD 8)
	VERTREP USS BELLEAU WOOD (LHA 3)
26 Mar	VERTREP USS MAUNA KEA (AE 22)
	VERTREP USS BRISTOL COUNTY (LST 1198)
30 Mar	Arrive Guam
5-7 Apr	Disbursing FAADCPAC Audit
08 Apr	Underway for Battle Week 84-2 in support of CTG 75.1
	VERTREP USS ALBERT DAVID (FF 1030)
11 Apr	VERTREP USS HALSEY (CG 23)
	VERTREP USS HARRY W. HILL (DD 986)
	VERTREP USS COPELAND (FFG 25)
	VERTREP USS REASONER (FF 1063)
	CONREP USS HENRY B. WILSON (DDG 7)
	CONREP USS CALLAHAN (FF 1051)
	CONREP and Refueled from USNS PASSUMPSIC (TAO 107)
13 Apr	VERTREP USS ALBERT DAVID (FF 1050)
	VERTREP USS ENGLAND (CG 22)



14 Apr Refuel and VERTREP USS DAVID R. RAY (DD 971)  
 Refuel USS ALBERT DAVID (FF 1050)  
 Refuel USS ENGLAND (CG 22)  
 16 Apr Escort and Refuel USS OUELLET (FF 1077 to edge of C7F AOR)  
 20 Apr Arrive Guam  
 26 Apr Underway for short notice GRUSL with USS MAUNA KEA to Subic Bay, RP  
 27 Apr Training CONREP with USS MAUNA KEA  
 28 Apr Training CONREP with USS MAUNA KEA  
 30 Apr Commodore BUTCHER arrives for Navigation check ride.  
 Arrive Subic Bay, RP  
 Commence Command Inspection  
 03 May Command Inspection Personnel Inspection  
 12 May Underway for Singapore. Support CTG 75.1  
 13 May Refuel from USNS PASSUMPSIC (TAO 107)  
 14 May CONREP USS BLUE RIDGE (LCC 19)  
 15 May CONREP USS REASONER (FF 1063)  
 16 May Arrive Singapore. Embark Midshipmen  
 21 May Underway for Bali, Indonesia. Support CTG 75.1  
 22 May Entered the Realm of Neptunus Rex  
 23 May CONREP USS HARRY W. HILL (DD 986)  
 CONREP USS REASONER (FF 1063)  
 Refueled from USNS PASSUMPSIC (TAO 107)  
 25 May Anchored Bali, Indonesia  
 28 May Underway for Hong Kong. Support CTG 75.1 for Battle Week 84-3 (SEA SIAM)  
 31 May CONREP USS BELLEAU WOOD (LHA 3)  
 CONREP USS REASONER (FF 1063)  
 CONREP USS BRISTOL COUNTY (LST 1198)  
 CONREP USS DUBUQUE (LPD 8)  
 01 Jun CONREP USS HENRY B. WILSON (DDG 7)  
 04 Jun CONREP USS HARRY W. HILL (DD 986)  
 CONREP USS O'CALLAHAN (FF 1051)  
 CONREP USS COPELAND (FFG 25)  
 Refuel from USNS PASSUMPSIC (TAO 107)  
 Commence Damage Control Olympics  
 05 Jun Arrive Hong Kong. Debark Midshipmen  
 11 Jun Underway for Subic Bay, RP  
 11-15 Jun NAVMASSO DETPAC Assist Visit  
 13 Jun Arrive Subic Bay, RP  
 18 Jun Underway for Guam  
 20 Jun NIAGARA FALLS Boxing Smokers  
 23 Jun Arrive Guam  
 28 Jun Commodore BUTCHER arrives  
 CAPT J. M. BOWERS is relieved by CAPT G. L. BECK as Commanding Officer, USS NIAGARA FALLS (AFS 3)  
 16 Jul Underway for Cebu, RP  
 20 Jul Arrive Cebu, RP  
 23 Jul Underway for Guam  
 27 Jul Arrive Guam

07 Aug Underway for SQUATS with USS WHITE PLAINS (AFS 4)  
 08 Aug Arrive Guam  
 11 Aug Underway for GRUSL with USS WHITE PLAINS (AFS 4)  
 15 Aug Arrive Guam  
 21 Aug Underway for Dependents Cruise  
 Successfully run SSRNM  
 22 Aug Underway for Yokosuka, Japan  
 26 Aug Arrive Yokosuka, Japan  
 27 Aug Commence Training Availability with COMFLETRAGRU WESTPAC with  
 268 Quotas  
 08 Sep Underway for Sasebo, Japan  
 Commence HRM Survey  
 10 Sep Arrive Sasebo, Japan  
 13 Sep Underway for Guam  
 15 Sep NIAGARA FALLS Boxing Smokers  
 17 Sep Arrive Guam  
 18 Sep Commence 3M Inspection  
 25 Sep Commence NIAGARA FALLS Operation SPARKLE  
 09 Oct Commence Supply Management Inspection  
 VADM SCHRADER, COMNAVSURFPAC arrives  
 10 Oct NAVRESSO Fleet Assist Team Visit (Ship's Store)  
 12 Oct Commence Combat Systems Material Readiness Evaluation  
 15 Oct Underway for Shakedown Cruise in Guam OPAREAS  
 18 Oct Embark HC-5 Det 3  
 19 Oct Underway for Subic Bay, RP. Commence Indian Ocean Deployment.  
 Commence Aviation Readiness Evaluation. NIAGARA FALLS evades  
 Super Typhoon THAD.  
 23 Oct Commodore BUTCHER CTF 73 arrives to observe Astern Refueling  
 Exercise with NIAGARA FALLS and SS. Overseas Alice and Z-27-G with  
 USNS CATAWBA.  
 VERTREP USS OLDENDORF (DD 973)  
 Refuel USS LOCKWOOD (FF 1064)  
 Arrive Subic Bay, RP  
 26 Oct Fleet Repairable Assistance Agent Visit.  
 28 Oct Underway for Singapore evading Typhoon Warren via the Palawan Passage  
 01 Nov Arrive Singapore  
 03 Nov Underway for Muscat, Oman. Support Battle Group FOXTROT.  
 Commence Malacca Straits Marathon for Combined Federal Campaign  
 06 Nov RDVU with Battle Group FOXTROT (TG 70.6) and commence MLSF  
 turnover with USS SACRAMENTO (AOE 1) and USS WHITE PLAINS (AFS  
 4). Refuel from USNS PASSUMPSIC (TAO 107)  
 07 Nov Transfer turnover material with USS ENTERPRISE  
 08 Nov Refuel from USNS MISPILLION and provide Technical Assist.  
 12 Nov Arrive Muscat, Oman for FFV loadout. Underway p.m.  
 14 Nov RDVU with Battle Group GOLF (TG 70.9)  
 CONREP and VERTREP USS PLATTE (AO 186)  
 CONREP and VERTREP USS ESTOCIN (FFG 15)  
 CONREP and VERTREP USS HAYLER (DD 997)  
 CONREP USS MCCANDLESS (FF 1084)  
 CONREP and VERTREP USS JOSEPHUS DANIELS (CG 27)

CONREP and VERTREP USS SANTA BARBARA (AE 28)  
 CONREP and VERTREP USS JOHN KING (DDG 3)  
 15 Nov CONREP and VERTREP USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 62)  
 VERTREP USS SANTA BARBARA (AE 28)  
 Refueled from USNS MISPILLION (TAO 105)  
 16 Nov Participated in Operation GLAD Customer  
 17 Nov Anchored off Al Masirah, Oman to conduct Air Head Operations with USS  
 SANTA BARBARA (AE 28). Underway p.m.  
 19 Nov CONREP and Refuel USS JOSEPHUS DANIELS (CG 27)  
 20 Nov Arrive Muscat, Oman for FFV loadout. Underway p.m.  
 21 Nov CONREP and VERTREP USS JOSEPHUS DANIELS (CG 27)  
 VERTREP USS SANTA BARBARA (AE 28)  
 CONREP USNS MISPILLION (TAO 105)  
 Embark USO Show Sizzling Hot  
 22 Nov VERTREP and Refuel from USS PLATTE (AO 186)  
 23 Nov CONREP and VERTREP USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 62)  
 CONREP USS MCCANDLESS (FF 1084)  
 24 Nov Anchored off Al Masirah, Oman to conduct Air Head operations with USS  
 VULCAN (AR 5), USS JOHN KING (DDG 3), USS SANTA BARBARA (AE  
 28)  
 25 Nov VERTREP USS MCINERNEY (FFG 8)  
 RADM CHANG, COMCRUDESGRU TWO arrives  
 26 Nov CONREP and VERTREP USS HAYLER (DD 997)  
 CONREP and Refuel USS JOSEPHUS DANIELS (CG 27)  
 VERTREP USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 62)  
 27 Nov VERTREP USS GEORGE PHILIP (FFG 12)  
 Anchor off Al Masirah, Oman to conduct Air Head operations with USS  
 VULCAN (AR 5) and USS SANTA BARBARA (AE 28). Underway p.m.  
 VERTREP and Refuel from USNS MISPILLION (TAO 105)  
 28 Nov VERTREP USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 62)  
 VERTREP USS SANTA BARBARA (AE 28)  
 CONREP USS HAYLER (DD 997)  
 VERTREP USS JOHN KING (DDG 3)  
 VERTREP and Refueled USS JOSEPHUS DANIELS (CG 27)  
 29 Nov VERTREP USS ESTOCIN (FFG 15)  
 30 Nov Refueled from USS PLATTE (AO 186)  
 Embarked RADM WYATT, CINCPAC Material Readiness Officer.  
 Anchored Off Al Masirah, Oman.  
 01 Dec Conducted Air Head Operations  
 02 Dec CONREP, VERTREP and Refuel USS JOHN KING (DDG 3)  
 05 Dec Arrive Muscat, Oman for FFV onload. Underway p.m.  
 06 Dec CONREP and VERTREP USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 62)  
 CONREP and VERTREP USS JOSEPHUS DANIELS (CG 27)  
 CONREP and VERTREP USS ESTOCIN (FFG 15)  
 CONREP and Refueled from USNS MISPILLION (TAO 105)  
 CONREP USS VULCAN (AR 5)  
 CONREP and VERTREP USS SANTA BARBARA (AE 28)  
 07 Dec CONREP, VERTREP and Refueled USS HAYLER (DD 997)  
 08 Dec VERTREP and Refueled USS MCCANDLESS (FF 1084)  
 11 Dec Entered the Realm of Neptunus Rex  
 13 Dec Arrive Diego Garcia for onload.

15 Dec	NAVMASSO Det PAC Subic Bay
15-20 Dec	SUADPS Management Assist Visit
16 Dec	Underway for NAS
21 Dec	CONREP and VERTREP USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 62)
	CONREP and VERTREP USS JOHN KING (DDG 15)
22 Dec	CONREP, VERTREP, and Refueled from USS PLATTE (AO 186)
23 Dec	VERTREP USS MCCANDLESS (FF 1084)
	Embark RADM STEPHENSON, Chief of Chaplains
24 Dec	CONREP and VERTREP USS JOSEPHUS DANIELS (CG 27)
	VERTREP USS ESTOCIN (FFG 15)
	VERTREP USS HAYLER (DD 997)
25 Dec	Christmas Dinner at sea with visit from Santa
28 Dec	CONREP and Refueled from USS PLATTE (AO 186)
29 Dec	Arrive Singapore
30 Dec	Embark USO Show Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders

## NARRATIVE OF 1984

USS NIAGARA FALLS and her crew began 1984 berthed at Naval Station Guam, Marianas Islands. After a short leave and upkeep period, NIAGARA FALLS was underway bound for Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines. On the evening of 14 January, while transiting southeast of Subic Bay, Commodore Butcher, CTF 73, flew out to the ship to observe the entering port detail the next morning and to visit with officers and crew of his newly arrived OFRP AFS. On 15 January, NIAGARA FALLS arrived in Subic Bay.

It was underway for a training availability on 25 January when the ship departed Subic Bay for Yokosuka, Japan. The ship arrived in Yokosuka on 30 January and began a training availability consisting of two hundred and sixty-seven individual class quotas with Fleet Training Group, Western Pacific on 31 January. Also while in port Yokosuka, NIAGARA FALLS received a Food Management Team Assist visit.

NIAGARA FALLS departed Yokosuka, Japan in company with her sister ship, USS SAN JOSE (AFS 7) for a group sail to Guam. From 8 to 12 February, both ships conducted numerous operations and deck seamanship/CONREP exercises, greatly improving the proficiency of both crews.

NIAGARA FALLS arrived in Guam on 13 February as the ship concluded its last Engineering Casualty Control Drill set. The next day NIAGARA FALLS began MTT Phase II, departing for the local Guam operating areas on 15 February to show the Fighting Falls proficiency. We returned with satisfactory MTT Evaluations on 18 February to continue drilling for the upcoming OPREP.

Damage Control dominated the week's events the 20th through 27th of February when NIAGARA FALLS commenced her Damage Control Readiness Review Week.

On 3 March, the ship was back underway for Engineering Plant Review and Engineering Casualty Control Drills in the local OPAREAS off Guam in preparation for OPREP. After an overnight stop in Guam to embark the OPREP Team, NIAGARA FALLS successfully completed her cold checks and early on 6 March the Fighting Falls was underway to prove her steaming proficiency. After successfully completing all facets of the OPREP, NIAGARA FALLS returned to Apra Harbor, Guam to load cargo for Team Spirit 84.

On 12 March, a fully loaded "Combat Food Ship Falls" was underway for Sasebo, Japan to RDVU with Amphibious Task Force CTF 77.2. HC-5 Det 1 provided two CH-46 helicopters giving NIAGARA FALLS a VERTREP capability. The ship arrived in Sasebo, Japan on 16 March for two days of liberty and fleet freight loadout.

Team Spirit 84 (19-25 March) brought NIAGARA FALLS off of the coast of Korea, Japan, and into the Tsushima Straits. 20 March brought the NIAGARA FALLS into the simulated battle with the Fighting Falls commando unit attacking the USS DUBUQUE (LPD 8).

The NIAGARA FALLS returned to her normal line of work on 23 March by VERTREPPING nearly 200 pallets of cargo to units of TG 77.2 and CDS 13. While maneuvering on the evening of 24 March, immediately after concluding an UNREP with the Battle Group, the USS KITTY HAWK collided with a Soviet Victor Class Submarine. The NIAGARA FALLS was then detached with USS MAUNA KEA (AE 22) to support USS OUELLET (FF 1077) for SPECOPS as the crippled submarine transited to home waters.

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25 March had the NIAGARA FALLS VERTREPPING USS ST LOUIS (LKA 116), USS DUBUQUE (LPD 8) and USS BELLEAU WOOD (LHA 3). Before departing the South China Sea the Attack Food Ship Falls VERTREPPED USS MAUNA KEA (AE 22) and USS BRISTOL COUNTY (LST 1198) on 26 March.

We returned to Guam for a short stay on 30 March and began to load in preparation to support CTG 75.1 in Battle Week 84-2. As CDS-13 units were relieved by CDS-21 units in WESTPAC, NIAGARA FALLS was there to provide stores and fuel. On 8 April, the ship was underway and immediately accomplished her designed mission by VERTREPPING USS ALBERT DAVID (FF 1030) outside Apra Harbor, Guam.

On 11 April, NIAGARA FALLS VERTREPPED USS HALSEY (CG 23), USS HARRY W. HILL (DD 986), USS COPELAND (FFG 25), USS REASONER (FF 1063); CONREPPED USS HENRY B. WILSON (DDG 7), USS CALLAHAN (FF 1051) and USNS PASSUMPSIC (TAO 107).

NIAGARA FALLS continued to provide services to TG 75.1 on 13 and 14 April and escorted CDS-13 units to the edge of Seventh Fleet Area of Operations to refuel them for their trip to Hawaii and home. NIAGARA FALLS returned to Guam on 20 April for some well desired rest and relaxation.

With only 24 hours notice, NIAGARA FALLS was tasked to be the training ship for USS MAUNA KEA (AE 22) for her transit to Subic Bay, RP on 26 April. While conducting tactical training and alongside replenishment exercises the crew put the final touches to their inspection uniforms as the ship approached Subic Bay for Command Inspection.

On 30 April, Commodore Butcher visited NIAGARA FALLS as she approached Subic Bay, and was present to view the Navigation check ride for entering port. Command Inspection began upon arrival and was highlighted by the personnel inspection for all hands on 3 May.

NIAGARA FALLS was ready for sea again on 12 May when she set sail for Singapore to support CTG 75.1. VERTREPS were conducted 13-15 May until arrival in Singapore, the Lion City, on 16 May.

While at first thought to be lost, NIAGARA FALLS rescued her NROTC and Naval Academy Midshipmen from the airport and embarked them for summer cruise before departing for Bali, Indonesia on 21 May. Contributing to their education, and to put an end to their Polywog ways, the ship entered the realm of Neptunus Rex on 22 May, coming through with Trusty Shellbacks throughout.

After a full day of alongside replenishment with USS HARRY W. HILL (DD 986), USS REASONER (FF 1063) and USNS PASSUMPSIC (TAO 107), the NIAGARA FALLS transited the Lombok Straits to anchor at the tropical paradise of Bali, Indonesia. After three days of fun in the sun, it was back to work supporting CTG 75.1.

NIAGARA FALLS was underway for Battle Week 84-3/Sea of Siam exercise on 28 May. Transiting to Hong Kong, the Fighting Falls CONREPPED eight ships in five days delivering nearly 200 pallets of cargo and conducting the ship's first Damage Control Olympics on 4 June.

Hong Kong was the port of call on 5 June as the ship moored off of Kowloon with USS COPELAND, USS HENRY B. WILSON and USS HARRY W. HILL. It was in Hong Kong where NIAGARA FALLS disembarked her tired but well trained midshipmen.

After a brief stop in Subic Bay 13-18 June, the NIAGARA FALLS was underway for Guam on 18 June with her prospective Commanding Officer, CAPT G. L. Beck embarked to become acquainted with the Fighting Falls. We returned to a fine reception by dependents following our two month tour of WESTPAC. The main event was then to prepare to officially welcome CAPT Beck and bid fair winds and following seas to CAPT Bowers. Commodore Butcher, CTF 73 was present for Change of Command ceremony which took place on 28 June aboard NIAGARA FALLS under the beautiful tropical skys of our island home.

We were underway for a Pineapple Cruise to Cebu, Republic of the Philippines on 16 July and anchored there on 20 July. NIAGARA FALLS returned to Guam on 27 July after three days of scuba diving, sunbathing and liberty in what is one of the most beautiful islands in the Philippines.

7 August saw NIAGARA FALLS out for a days sail with USS WHITE PLAINS as she prepared for her Change of Command. We were underway on 11 August for a group sail with her to the Philippines as she deployed to the Indian Ocean. NIAGARA FALLS returned to Guam on 15 August.

The morning of 21 August saw a different crew report aboard to get underway as the dependents embarked for a cruise out of Guam. The Fighting Falls had business to conduct as picnics and equipment demonstrations were being conducted as the ship completed its SSRNM runs at the Garf Range off Apra Harbor.

The next day the ship was underway for Yokosuka, Japan and its second TRAV of 1984. We arrived in Tokyo Wan on 26 August and began our training availability at Fleet Training Group, Western Pacific with two hundred and sixty eight individual quotas on 27 August.

The ship commence its Human Resource Management survey as she commenced her transit down the coast of Honshu to Sasebo. After three days inport, the NIAGARA FALLS was underway for Guam, conducting the second boxing smokers of the year during the transit.

Upon arrival in Guam on 17 September, the ship embarked the TYCOM 3M Inspection Team, and the 3M Inspection commenced the following morning, resulting in an excellent evaluation from the team.

The ship executed Operation Sparkle on 25 September in preparation for the ship's upcoming deployment to the Indian Ocean. All cargo handling areas were refurbished along with the main deck, an accomplishment which justly exemplified the hard work and long hour of the crew.

In October, the ship began loading over 1,200 pallets of freeze and dry provisions to sustain our primary mission in the Indian Ocean.

9 October saw the arrival of the Supply Management Inspection Team and the arrival of VADM Schrader for a days visit with the crew. 12 October was the commencement date for the Combat Systems Material Readiness Evaluation, which indicated the ship was well prepared for its deployment to the Indian Ocean.

15 October, the Fighting Falls was underway in the Guam OPAREAS completing last minute fine-tuning as the ship conducted a shakedown cruise. The deployment approached as HC-5 Det 3 embarked on 18 October and arrived as the ship passed through the Glass Breakwater for an extended Indian Ocean deployment on 19 October.

Upon departing port for Subic Bay, the NIAGARA FALLS was pursued by Super-Typhoon Thad, causing the ship to utilize Typhoon evasion as it transitted the Philippine Sea. 19 October also saw the Aviation Readiness Evaluation embark to grant the FALLS a Class A level 1 certification.

As the NIAGARA FALLS approached Subic Bay, Commodore Butcher arrived to observe the ship refuel USS LOCKWOOD, conduct an astern refueling with SS Overseas Alice, a Z-27-G exercise with USNS CATAWBA and a VERTREP with USS OLDENDORF.

Again in Subic Bay, another 1,000 pallets of provisions and stores were loaded for our final "top off" of cargo. The Fighting Falls now had her full 1,300 short tons of groceries aboard.

NIAGARA FALLS was underway on 28 October for Singapore, and again typhoon evading, this time Typhoon Warren.

After a short stay in Singapore, the NIAGARA FALLS entered the Malacca Straits on 3 November, running a marathon proceeds of which were contributed to Combined Federal Campaign. The ship rendezvoused with Battle Group FOXTROT (TG 70.6) and completed the Indian Ocean MLSF turnover by relieving the USS WHITE PLAINS on 7 November.

The "Fighting Falls" made her first visit to Muscat, Oman to load fresh fruits and vegetables on 17 November and returned there again on 20 November, 12 UNREPS later. We became part of Battle Group Golf (CTG 70.9) on 21 November, after a busy day of CONREP and VERTREP, we embarked the USO show "Sizzling Hot," for an evening of Rock and Roll and dance entertainment.

The following day, 22 November, arrived with a 0430 reveille to commence an underway replenishment with the USS PLATTE. On 23 November, NIAGARA FALLS CONREPPEP with USS MCCANDLESS (FF 1084) and commenced her second major UNREP with the aircraft carrier USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 62).

24 November provided a change of pace for the crew, once again anchoring off Al Masirah, Oman to conduct Air Head Operations along with USS SANTA BARBARA'S air detachment 25 November had the "Falls" vertically replenishing USS MCINERNEY (FFG 8) and hosting a visit by the Commander Task Group 70.9, RADM Ming Chang while 26 November held us UNREPPING USS HAYLER (DD 997), USS JOSEPHUS DANIELS (CG 27) and USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 62) once again.

27 November started with NIAGARA FALLS VERTREPPING USS GEORGE PHILIP (FFG 12) then anchoring off Al Masirah, Oman for U. S. Air Force C-141 Air Head Operations.



The day completed with an alongside refueling with USNS MISPILLION (TAO 105). 28 November, the "Fighting Falls" continued her rigorous pace UNREPPING USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 62), USS SANTA BARBARA (AE 28), USS HAYLER (DD 997), USS JOHN KING (DDG 3), and USS JOSEPHUS DANIELS (CG 27).

A light replenishment day followed on the 29th having only to VERTREP USS ESTOCIN (FFG 15). 30 November found us refueling with USS PLATTE (AO 186), anchoring off Al Masirah, Oman and then embarking RADM William C. Wyatt, the CINCPAC Material Readiness Officer. 1 December was another day spent on Air Head Operations.

2 December found a routine UNREP of USS JOHN KING (DDG 3) scheduled where upon completion we headed for Muscat, Oman arriving 5 December for a fresh fruit and vegetable (FFV) onload. 6 December, the pace reached fever pitch upon rejoining the Battle Group with the "Fighting Falls" replenishing six ships; USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 62), USS JOSEPHUS DANIELS (CG 27), USS ESTOCIN (FFG 15), USNS MISPILLION (TAO 105), the USS SANTA BARBARA (AE 28) and conducted the first underway replenishment ever with USS VULCAN. On 7 December, we replenished USS HAYLER (DD 997) followed by USS MCCANDLESS on 8 December.

The "Fighting Falls" then proceeded on to Diego Garcia, entering the realm of "Neptunus Rex" 11 December and arriving inport Diego Garcia 13 December for a two day 1,200 pallet onload period. 16 December, found the ship underway for the North Arabian Sea once again UNREPPING USS JOHN KING (DDG 3) and USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 62) on 21 December.

22 December, found us UNREPPING and refueling with USS PLATTE (AO 186), while the 23rd was spent vertically replenishing USS MCCANDLESS (FF 1084) and welcoming aboard the Navy Chief of Chaplains, RADM Neil Stephenson and CAPT Ecker CINCLANTFLT Force Chaplain.

24 December, found us back replenishing USS JOSEPHUS DANIELS (CG 27), USS ESTOCIN (FFG 15) and USS HAYLER (DD 997), delivering fresh Christmas trees to the fleet.

As we proceeded on a surprise visit to Singapore, we were able to refuel from USS PLATTE (AO 186) arriving at Sembawang Piers on the 29th for a well deserved holiday port visit which lasted through the New Year with our departure on 4 January 1985.

NIAGARA FALLS was the location for the Dallas Cowboy Cheerleader show on the 30th of December with the HC-5 Det 3 Providers providing air transportation for the cheerleaders around the Island of Singapore. It was the end of very busy year.

# OFFICER PERSONNEL OF USS NIAGARA FALLS 1984

GRADE	NAME	BRANCH	SSN/DESIG
CAPT	Gary L. BECK	USN	(b) (6) 1310
CAPT	John M. BOWERS, Jr. (D)	USN	1310
LCDR	Charles M. BENN	USNR	1117
CDR	(b) (6)	USN	3100
LCDR	(b) (6)	USN	3100
LCDR	(b) (6)	USN	3130
LCDR	(b) (6)	USN	1110
LT	(b) (6)	USN	1110
LT	(b) (6)	USN	3100
LT	(b) (6)	USN	6512
LT	(b) (6)	USNR	2105
LT	(b) (6)	USNR	4105
LT	(b) (6)	USN	6110
LT	(b) (6)	USN	1110
LT	(b) (6)	USN	3100
LT	(b) (6)	USNR	1115
LT	(b) (6)	USN	3100
LT	(b) (6)	USNR	1115
LT	(b) (6)	USNR	2105
LT	(b) (6)	USN	1160
LT	(b) (6)	USNR	4105
LTJG	(b) (6)	USNR	3105
LTJG	(b) (6)	USN	1110
LTJG	(b) (6)	USNR	3105
LTJG	(b) (6)	USNR	1115
LTJG	(b) (6)	USNR	1115
LTJG	(b) (6)	USNR	1165
LTJG	(b) (6)	USN	6112
LTJG	(b) (6)	USNR	1165
LTJG	(b) (6)	USNR	3105
ENS	(b) (6)	USNR	1165
ENS	(b) (6)	USN	1110
ENS	(b) (6)	USNR	1165
ENS	(b) (6)	USN	6132
ENS	(b) (6)	USN	6512
ENS	(b) (6)	USNR	1165
CWO4	(b) (6)	USN	7131

NOTE: (D) Detached



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USS NIAGARA FALLS (AFS-3)

FPO SAN FRANCISCO 96673-3032

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Ser 03/702

5 Dec 1984

From: Commanding Officer, USS NIAGARA FALLS (AFS 3)  
To: Commander Naval Surface Group, Western Pacific

Subj: BATTLE EFFICIENCY COMPETITION

Ref: (a) COMNAVSURFGRU WESTPAC 034112Z NOV 84  
(b) COMNAVSURFPACINST C3590.1C (SURFBATREAD)

1. In response to reference (a), and in accordance with reference (b), the following information is submitted for Battle Efficiency Competition:

- a. Last 3M inspection: 21 September 1984 - 86.7 percent.  
21 September 1984 - 83.1 percent (DC 3M).
- b. Most recent OPPE: 8 March 1984 - Satisfactory (Pass)
- c. Most recent Refresher Training: Interim REFTRA conducted 6-24 September 1983 while en route to Guam for homeport change.
- d. Not applicable.
- e. Most recent SMI: 11 October 1984 - Satisfactory (Pass)
- f. Reenlistment Performance:

July - September 1983:

	<u>ELIG</u>	<u>N/ELIG</u>	<u>REEN</u>	<u>GROSS %</u>	<u>NET %</u>	<u>F/R</u>
1st Term	19	10	5	17	26	N/A
2nd Term	3	0	3	100	100	N/A
Career	8	0	5	63	63	3
Overall	30	10	13	33	43	N/A

October - December 1983:

1st Term	0	1	0	0	0	N/A
2nd Term	1	0	1	100	100	N/A
Career	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
Overall	1	1	1	50	100	N/A

January - March 1984:

1st Term	13	4	7	41	54	N/A
2nd Term	2	0	2	100	100	N/A
Career	2	0	2	100	100	N/A
Overall	17	4	11	52	65	N/A

April - June 1984:

1st Term	10	5	6	40	60	N/A
2nd Term	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
Career	1	0	0	0	0	1
Overall	11	5	6	38	55	N/A

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July - September 1984:

	<u>ELIG</u>	<u>N/ELIG</u>	<u>REEN</u>	<u>GROSS %</u>	<u>NET %</u>	<u>F/R</u>
1st Term	26	5	7	23	27	N/A
2nd Term	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
Career	3	0	3	100	100	N/A
Overall	29	5	10	29	34	N/A

\*October - December 1984:

1st Term	18	6	12	50	67	N/A
2nd Term	2	0	2	100	100	N/A
Career	3	0	2	67	67	1
Overall	23	6	16	55	70	N/A

\*Note: We have six term reenlistments pending SRB approval (for December).

1st Term	24	6	18	60	75	N/A
2nd Term	2	0	2	100	100	N/A
Career	3	0	2	67	67	1
Overall	29	6	22	63	76	N/A

g. Operational schedule for July 1983 - December 1984:

- ✓ 11-12 Jul 83 - Successfully completed ARE with no major discrepancies
- 25-29 Jul 83 - Conducted MTT PH II. Considered ready for OPPRE.
- 30 Jul 83 - Conducted TRE.
- 9-11 Aug 83 - Conducted ISIC OPPRE satisfactorily.
- 13 Aug-4 Sep 83 - Loadout for homeport change.
- 22-25 Aug 83 - Post overhaul validation.
- 6 Sep 83 - Underway for homeport change and interim REFTRA en route to Guam. Transitex 83-17 conducted with USS SCHOFIELD and USS WHIPPLE simultaneously; (AFS 3 OTC).
- 24 Sep 83 - INCHOP COMSEVENTHFLT AOR.
- 27 Sep 83 - Arrive Guam.
- 01 Oct 83 - Considered forward deployed and officially homeported in Guam as of this date.
- 26 Oct-2 Nov 83 - Supported CDS 13 units in Battle Week 84-1 in Guam OPAREAS.
- 7 Nov 83 - Underway for WESTPAC MTT PH I.
- 19-28 Nov 83 - Supported TG 70.1 (USS MIDWAY Battle Group).
- 4-11 Dec 83 - Conducted TRAV in Yokosuka, with over 368 quotas.
- 9 Dec 83 - Completed ARE; granted level II until flight deck corrected.
- ✓ 17-22 Jan 84 - Provided services to CTG 70.5.
- 28 Jan-5 Feb 84 - Conducted TRAV in Yokosuka; with 267 quotas.
- 8-12 Feb 84 - Conducted MTT Ph II. Pronounced ready for OPPRE.
- 6-8 Mar 84 - Completed OPPRE satisfactorily.

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19-25 Mar 84	- Supported requirements for Team Spirit 84 due to schedule change/ USS JOSE departing to Indian Ocean early. Services to CTG 77.2 (USS KITTY HAWK Battle Group and Gators) and to CTG 75.1 units (CDS 13) from 19-21 March.
25-26 Mar 84	- Provided contingency UNREP to USS MAUNA KEA and USS OUELLET for SPECOPS (USS KITTY HAWK ran over V Sub).
9-11 Apr 84	- Supported Battle Week 84-2 (CTG 75.1 units).
14 Apr 84	- Provided UNREP support for Inchopping CDS 21 units and Outchopping CDS 13 units.
16 Apr 84	- Due to special requirements, UNREP provided for USS OUELLET at edge of C7F AOR.
26-30 Apr 84	- GRUSL to Subic Bay with USS MAUNA KEA on short notice basis (AFS 3 OTC).
30 Apr-3 May 84	- Conducted Command Inspection inport Subic Bay. Satisfactory.
4-6 May 84	- Conducted GRUSL to Singapore with USNS PASSUMPSIC. Provided stores for USS BLUE RIDGE on less than 24 hours notice basis en route.
12-15 May, 21-24 May 84	- Supported CTG 75.1 (CDS 21 units).
29 May-5 Jun 84	- Supported CTG 75.1 for participation in SEA SIAM/Battle Week 84-3.
30 Jul-3 Aug 84	- Provided underway services for PCO AFS 4.
10-12 Aug 84	- Conducted GRUSL with AFS 4 en route Subic. (AFS 3 OTC).
22 Aug 84	- Conducted SSRNM/DEPCRU Satisfactorily.
27 Aug-7 Sep 84	- Conducted TRAV Yokosuka with 100 percent attendance for 268 quotas.
17 Sep-18 Oct 84	- POM.
21 Sep 84	- 3M Inspection. Satisfactory.
12-15 Oct 84	- Satisfactory completion CSMR.
19 Oct 84	- ARE. Satisfactory with exception of TACAN Casrep.
19 Oct-31 Dec 84	- Deployed Indian Ocean in support of Independence Battle Group.

h. Number of departmental/divisional awards for which the ship is nominated: Seven (7).

i. None.

j. Not applicable.

k. Supply Effectiveness:

	<u>4Q FY83</u>	<u>1Q FY84</u>	<u>2Q FY84</u>	<u>3Q FY84</u>	<u>4Q FY84</u>	<u>1Q FY85</u>
NET	83 %	92 %	93.66 %	96 %	93.66 %	95.5 %
GROSS	69.3 %	79.3 %	83 %	87 %	78.66 %	81.5 %

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1. Overall training readiness during competitive period:

	<u>4Q FY83</u>	<u>1Q FY84</u>	<u>2Q FY84</u>	<u>3Q FY84</u>	<u>4Q FY84</u>	<u>1Q FY85</u>
Overall	1.06	1.25	1.43	1.28	1.04	1.02
PRMARS	1.00	1.08	1.27	1.14	1.00	1.00

m. Participation in inport/at-sea exercise:

6-27 Sep 83	- TRANSITEX 83-17 to SFO/Honolulu/Guam in company with USS Schofield and USS WHIPPLE; partial USS WILLAMETTE.
26 Oct-2 Nov 83	- Battle Week 84-1 with CTG 75.1 (CDS 13 units).
8-12 Feb 84	- GRUSL to Yokosuka to Guam with USS SAN JOSE.
19-25 Mar 84	- Team Spirit 84.
9-11 Apr 84	- Battle Week 84-2.
26-30 Apr 84	- GRUSL Guam to Subic Bay with USS MAUNA KEA (AFS 3 as OTC).
4-6 May 84	- GRUSL Subic Bay to Singapore with USNS PASSUMPSIC (AFS 3 as OTC).
12-15, 21-24, & 29 May	- Battle Week 84-3/SEA SIAM
10-12 Aug 84	- GRUSL with USS WHITE PLAINS (AFS 3 as OTC).
17-20 Nov 84	- MULTIPLEX 85-1.
3-5 Dec 84	- ASUWEX 85-2U.
15-19 Dec 84	- BEACON FLASH 85-2/5.

n. Contingency Operations:

(1) Supported USS MAUNA KEA and USS OUELLET for special operations during TRAIEX of "V" Sub after USS KITTY HAWK incident on 6 hours notice.

(2) Tasked to support USS BLUE RIDGE on 24 hours notice during GRUSL to Singapore with USNS PASSUMPSIC in company.

(3) Tasked to conduct GRUSL to Subic Bay with USS MAUNA KEA on less than 24 hours notice.

o. Other Supportive Details:

(1) KUDO: (a) Concerning fuel consumption savings (CTF SEVEN THREE 190214Z AUG 84). (b) Concerning support of balanced CONREP/VERTREP for Battle Week 84-2 (CTF SEVEN THREE 060921Z APR 84).

(2) KUDO from COMFLETRAGRU WESTPAC for achieving 100 percent attendance in September 1984 TRAV.

(3) KUDO from USS OUELLET for can do spirit and responsiveness (USS OUELLET 172204Z APR 84).

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(4) KUDO from USNS MISPELLION on broadcast support utilization (USNS MISPELLION 080016Z NOV 84).

(5) VERTREP responsiveness and professional services for USS MCINERNEY (USS MCINERNEY 251723Z NOV 84).

2. The following specific criteria for the AFS Battle Efficiency Award is submitted.:

a. Supply Effectiveness: As per subparagraph k of paragraph 1.

b. Monthly SAMMA/SAL (Stores Account Material Management Afloat/Ship Authorized level) Reports:

Unauthorized Long Supply (ULS)

	<u>NSA %</u>	<u>APA %</u>
Jul 83	5.91	11.82
Aug 83	3.25	6.27
*Sep 83	22.05	6.59
*Oct 83	29.82	6.75
*Nov 83	30.73	7.90
*Dec 83	16.17	7.90
Jan 84	5.77	8.33
Feb 84	11.09	8.11
Mar 84	9.80	3.93
Apr 84	7.93	1.99
May 84	6.32	1.74
Jun 84	6.70	3.08
July 84	6.41	3.16
Aug 84	3.42	.49
Sep 84	4.44	.04
Oct 84	1.99	.14
Nov 84	2.24	0
Dec 84	No Figures	

Unauthorized On Order (UOO)

<u>NSA %</u>	<u>APA</u>
.82	13.62
.69	8.82
21.80	5.63
22.53	5.52
13.51	1.62
11.70	1.03
10.03	5.70
6.24	4.06
6.62	4.60
6.03	.70
6.52	.27
5.84	.27
5.37	2.24
1.83	.70
2.83	.25
1.92	.77
.63	.07

No Figures

\*Note: In September 1983, new single fill was ordered with requirements to keep old PACFILL on board through December 1983.

Subj: BATTLE EFFICIENCY COMPETITION

c. Operating Tempo:

(1) Completed UNREPS: 89 (Except December).

Total line items transferred: 7041 (Except December).

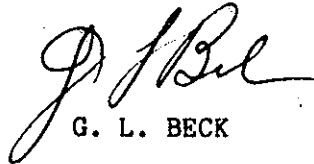
Total NR short tons transferred: 1013 (Except December).

(2) Total weight fleet freight: 174627 pounds (Except December)

Total cube fleet freight: 12564 cubic feet (Except December)

Total passengers transferred: 53 (Except December)

(3) Total number of days underway in support of Battle Group: 105 days.

  
G. L. BECK





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USS NIAGARA FALLS (AFS-3)  
FPO SAN FRANCISCO 96673-3032

3590  
Ser 03/703  
5 Dec 1984

From: Commanding Officer, USS NIAGARA FALLS (AFS 3)  
To: Commander Naval Surface Group, Western Pacific  
Subj: SUBMISSION FOR DEPARTMENTAL/DIVISIONAL AWARDS  
Ref: (a) COMNAVSURFGRU WESTPAC 034112Z NOV 84  
(b) COMNASURFPACINST C3590.1C (SURFBATREAD)

1. In response to reference (a) and in accordance with reference (b), the following are submitted in support of the Departmental/Divisional Awards:

<u>AWARDS</u>	<u>EXERCISE</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Engineering "E"	CMD INSP	Excellent	3MAY84
	3M INSP	76.1	21SEP84
	PQS	Excellent	3MAY84
	Z-110-E/Full Power Run	97	26Jan84
	Z-11-E/Economy Trial	93.2	27JAN84
	OPPE	SAT (Pass)	8MAR84
Damage Control "DC"	CMD INSP	SAT	3MAY84
	3M INSP	83.1	21SEP84
	PQS	Excellent	3MAY84
	Z-6-D/R&A	100	10AUG84
	Z-24-D/UNDWTR Hull Damage	94	13AUG84
	Z-52-D/NUCDET	93	12AUG84
	Z-54-D/BIOCHEMATT	88	12AUG84
	Z-27-D/FIRE EX&SMOKE CLNC	91	13AUG84
Deck Seamanship Award	CMD INSP	Outstanding	3MAY84
	3M INSP	99.1	21SEP84
	PQS	Outstanding	3MAY84
	Z-26-S/ U/W TFR	100	11AUG84
	Z-28-S/ U/W Provision Rearm	93.3	11AUG84
	Z-29-S/ U/W Fueling (RCV)	90	11AUG84
	Z-30-S/ U/W Fueling (DEL)	100	11AUG84
	Z-31-S/ Emergency Breakaway	100	11AUG84
UNREP SQTS: Completed June 1983			
Gunnery "E"	CMD INSP	Excellent	3MAY84
	3M INSP	100	21SEP84
	PQS	Outstanding	3MAY84
	Z-27-GMT1/LC	100	22SEP83
	Z-27-GMT2/LC	100	22SEP83
Z-29-G/Antimine	110	13AUG84	

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Communication "C"

CMD INSP	Outstanding	3MAY84
3M INSP	OC01-97	21SEP84
	OS01-100	
PQS	Outstanding	3MAY84
Z-1-C/FLT BDLT	100	13FEB84
Z-2-C/SP TERM EX SYSCON	100	6-8SEP83
Z-3-C/SECVOX SYS	100	11FEB84
Z-4-C/NON-SECVOX SYSCON	98	10FEB84
Z-13-C/TTY CIRCPROC	92	11MAY84
Z-20-C/FLAG HOIST SIG PROC	92	15JUN84
Z-21-C/FLASHING LT	96	12FEB84
Z-22-C/SEMAPHORE	96	12FEB84
4-72HR H/F TERM	92.6	13-15DEC83
	100	6-8SEP83
	100	9-11JAN84
	90	9-11APR84
	91	17-19JUN84
CMS Security Violation	None	
CMS Security Discp	None	
COMSEC Violation	None	
Fast Reaction Response	14/15	
Beard Iron	75% min	2/2 100% ea

CIC "E" OPERATIONS

CMD INSP	Excellent	3MAY84
3M INSP	100	21SEP84
PQS	Outstanding	3MAY84
Z-10-CC/SURF TRACK	88	11AUG84
Z-13-CC/Tactical Manuevers	91	12FEB84
SURVINTCOLEX	93	12AUG84
Security Violations	None	
Exercise Performance	Excellent	

Blue Supply "E"

CMD INSP	Outstanding	3MAY84
3M INSP	96	21SEP84
PQS	Excellent	3MAY84
SMI ADMIN/TRNG	Outstanding	12OCT84
SMI ACCTNG	Excellent	12OCT84
Supply Support	Excellent	12OCT84
Food Service	Excellent	12OCT84
Ship's Service Ops	SAT	12OCT84
SMI ADP	Excellent	12OCT84
Pay Records (Site Exam)	SAT/4.39	25MAY84
Accountability Breaches	1 (USS NIAGARA FALLS	150258Z OCT84 Refers)

2. The following are personnel concerned for Departmental/Divisional Awards:

CO

CAPT G. L. BECK (JUN84 - DEC84)  
CAPT J. M. BOWERS JR (JUL83 - JUN84)

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XO

LCDR C. M. BENN (NOV83 - DEC84)  
CDR R. E. ERWIN (JUL83 - NOV83)

Engineering

(b) (6) (SEP83 - DEC84)  
(b) (6) (JUL83 - SEP83)  
(b) (6) (JUL83 - SEP83)  
(b) (6) (OCT83 - DEC84)  
(b) (6) (JUL83 - DEC84)

Damage Control

(b) (6) (SEP83 - DEC84)  
(b) (6) (MAR84 - DEC84)  
(b) (6) (AUG83 - MAR84)

Operations

CIC "E"

(b) (6) OPS OFF (JUL83 - SEP84)  
(b) (6) OPS OFF (SEP84 - DEC84)  
(b) (6) CIC OFF (JUL83 - NOV83)  
(b) (6) CIC OFF (NOV83 - MAY84)  
(b) (6) CIC OFF (APR84 - SEP84)  
(b) (6) CIC OFF (OCT84 - DEC84)

COMM "C"

(b) (6) OPS OFF (JUL83 - SEP84)  
(b) (6) OPS OFF (SEP84 - DEC84)  
(b) (6) COMM OFF (JUN83 - MAY84)  
(b) (6) COMM OFF (MAY84 - DEC84)

Deck  
Seamanship  
Awards

(b) (6) 1ST LT (AUG83 - NOV84)  
(b) (6) 1ST LT (NOV84 - DEC84)  
(b) (6) 1ST LT (JUN83 - AUG83)

Blue Supply  
"E"

(b) (6) SUPP OFF (JUL83 - DEC84)  
(b) (6) ASST SUPP OFF (DEC83 - DEC84)  
(b) (6) ASST SUPP OFF (JUL83 - DEC83)  
(b) (6) STOCK CONTROL OFF (JUL83 - OCT 84)  
(b) (6) STOCK CONTROL OFF (OCT84 - DEC84)  
(b) (6) FOOD SERVICE OFF (JUL83 - DEC84)  
(b) (6) ASST STOCK CONTROL OFF (JUL83-DEC84)  
(b) (6) ASST STOCK CONTROL OFF (JUL83-MAY84)

  
G. L. BECK



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USS NIAGARA FALLS (AFS-3) ✓  
FPO SAN FRANCISCO 96673-3032

5750  
Ser 02/328  
21 Apr 1986

From: Commanding Officer, USS NIAGARA FALLS (AFS 3)  
To: Director of Naval History (OP-09BH), Washington Navy Yard, Washington,  
DC 20374

Subj: COMMAND HISTORY (OPNAV REPORT 5750-1)

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.1C

Encl: (1) Commanding Officers of USS NIAGARA FALLS (AFS 3)  
(2) Chronology of Events, and Underway Replenishment evolutions of  
1985  
(3) Narrative of 1985  
(4) Officer Personnel of USS NIAGARA FALLS 1985  
(5) 8X10 Picture of CAPT Gary L. BECK, USN, (b) (6) 1310,  
Commanding Officer  
(6) 8X10 Picture of NIAGARA FALLS

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (6) are forwarded  
as OPNAV Report 5750-1 for calendar year 1985.

*G. L. Beck*  
G. L. BECK

COMMANDING OFFICERS OF USS NIAGARA FALLS (AFS 3)

CAPT H. C. HOLLEY, USN  
25APR67 - 31AUG68

CAPT A. F. HUFF, USN  
31AUG68 - 11FEB70

CAPT E. M. COOKE, USN  
11FEB70 - 20OCT71

CAPT C. C. CARTER, USN  
20OCT - 30SEP72

CAPT C. A. LONG, JR, USN  
30SEP72 - 15MAR74

CAPT C. S. CHRISTIANSEN, JR, USN  
15MAR74 - 16JUN75

CAPT E. B. MCDANIEL, USN  
16JUN75 - 10SEP76

CAPT P. F. MCCARTHY, JR, USN  
10SEP76 - 28DEC77

CAPT R. E. SCHLENZIG, USN  
28DEC77 - 07DEC79

CAPT B. C. LEE, USN  
07DEC79 - 14JUL81

CAPT R. R. TERRY, USN  
14JUL81 - 12JAN83

CAPT J. M. BOWERS, JR, USN  
12JAN83 - 28JUN84

CAPT G. L. BECK, USN  
28JUN84 - PRESENT

### CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS 1985

1-3 Jan Inport Singapore  
4 Jan Underway for NAS  
5 Jan CONREP and VERTREP USS INDEPENDENCE (CV-62)  
CONREP and VERTREP USS JOSEPHUS DANIELS (CG-27)  
CONREP and VERTREP USS JOHN KING (DDG-3)  
CONREP and VERTREP USS ESTOCIN (FFG-15)  
CONREP and VERTREP USS SANTA BARBARA (AE-28)  
CONREP and VERTREP USNS MISPELLION (TAO-105)  
Refueled from USNS MISPELLION TAO-105)  
Detached from TG-70.9, enroute Diego Garcia  
10 Jan Arrive Diego Garcia for onload  
12 Jan underway for NAS  
17 Jan CONREP and VERTREP USS INDEPENDENCE (CV-62)  
CONREP and VERTREP USS ESTOCIN (FFG-15)  
CONREP and VERTREP USS PLATTE (AO-86)  
VERTREP USS SANTA BARBARA (AE-28)  
18 Jan CONREP and VERTREP USS HAYLER (DD-997)  
CONREP and VERTREP USS JOHN KING (DDG-70)  
CONREP and VERTREP USS SANTA BARBARA (AE-86)  
CONREP and VERTREP USNS MISPELLION (TAO-105)  
19 Jan Detach from TG-70.9, INCHOP to TG-70.3  
20 Jan CONREP and VERTREP USS CARL VINSON (CVN-70)  
CONREP and VERTREP USS HEWITT (DD-966)  
CONREP and VERTREP USS INGERSOLL (DD-990)  
CONREP USS DOWNES (FF-1070)  
21 Jan Refueled from USS ROANOKE (AOR-7)  
VERTREP USS HAYLER (DD-997)  
VERTREP USS ESTOCIN (FFG-15)  
VERTREP USS KISKA (AE-35)  
VERTREP USS VULCAN (AR-5)  
22 Jan VERTREP USS GRIDLEY (CG-21)  
23 Jan Arrive Musat, Oman for FFV onload, Underway P.M.  
VERTREP USS HAYLER (DD-997)  
24 Jan VERTREP USS GRIDLEY (CG-21)  
VERTREP USS DOWNES (FF-1070)  
Refuel from USS ROANOKE (AOR-7)  
25 Jan VERTREP USS TEXAS (CGN-39)  
CONREP USS LEAHY (CG-16)  
VERTREP USS KISKA (AE-35)  
26 Jan CONREP USS CARL VINSON (CVN-70)  
VERTREP USS HEWITT (DD-966)  
VERTREP USS VULCAN (AR-5)  
CONREP USNS HASSAYAMPA (TAO-145)  
Refuel from USNS HASSAYAMPA (TAO-145)  
Ashore off AL Masirah, Oman. Underway P.M.  
27 Jan VERTREP USS ROANOKE (AOR-7)  
28 Jan CONREP and VERTREP USS INGERSOLL (DD-990)  
2 Feb Arrived Diego Garcia for offload

4 Feb Departed Diego Garcia  
 8 Feb VERTREP USS INGERSOLL (DD-990)  
 CONREP VERTREP USS HEWITT (DD-966)  
 VERTREP USS DOWNS (FF-1080)  
 9 Feb REFUEL FROM USNS HASSAYAMPA (TAO-15)  
 VERTREP USS GRIDLEY (CG-21)  
 VERTREP USS KISKA (AE-35)  
 CONREP and VERTREP USS CARL VINSON (CVN-70)  
 10 Feb Anchored off Al Masirah, Oman for TAV  
 VERTREP USS ROANOKE (AOR-7)  
 VERTREP USS VULCAN (AR-5)  
 VERTREP USS KISKA (AE-35)  
 12 Feb Anchored off Al Masirah, Oman to conduct Air Head  
 Operations with USS GRIDLEY (CG-21), USS VULCAN (AR-5),  
 and USS KISKA (AE-35)  
 16 Feb Conduct Air Head Operations with USS GRIDLEY (CG-21),  
 USS VULCAN (AR-5), and USS KISKA (AE-35)  
 17 Feb Underway from Al Masirah, Oman  
 CONREP USS ROANOKE (AOR-7)  
 Refuel from USS ROANOKE (AOR-7)  
 18 Feb CONREP and VERTREP USS LEAHY (CG-16)  
 19 Feb Arrive Muscat, Oman for FFV onload  
 20 Feb CONREP USS CARL VINSON (CVN-70)  
 CONREP USS GRIDLEY (CG-21)  
 21 Feb VERTREP USS CARL VINSON (CVN-70)  
 VERTREP USS GRIDLEY (CG-21)  
 VERTREP USS HEWITT (DD-966)  
 CONREP USS ROANOKE (AOR-7)  
 Refuel from USS ROANOKE (AOR-7)  
 CONREP USS DOWNS (FF-1070)  
 CONREP USNS HASSAYAMPA (TAO-145)  
 22 Feb VERTREP USS HAYLER (DD-997)  
 Detach for Diego Garcia  
 23 Feb CONREP USS INGERSOLL (DD-990)  
 27 Feb Arrive Diego Garcia for onload  
 Transfer stores to USS JASON (AR-8)  
 2 Mar Depart Diego Garcia for NAS  
 6 Mar CONREP USS INGERSOLL (DD-990)  
 7 Mar Refuel from USNS HASSAYAMPA (TAO-145)  
 VERTREP USS DOWNS (FF-1070)  
 CONREP and VERTREP USS CARL VINSON (CVN-70)  
 8 Mar CONREP USS HAYLER (DD-997)  
 VERTREP USS KISKA (AE-35)  
 9 Mar VERTREP USS GRIDLEY (CG-21)  
 10 Mar VERTREP USS DOWNS (FF-1070)  
 CONREP USNS HASSAYAMPA (TAO-145)  
 11 Mar VERTREP USS TEXAS (CGN-39)  
 13 Mar PAX Transfer with FS DUPLIX  
 14 Mar Refuel from USNS HASSAYAMPA (TAO-15)  
 15 Mar VERTREP USS DOWNS (FF-1070)  
 Detach for Muscat, Oman

16 Mar Arrive Muscat, Oman for onload. Underway P.M.  
 17 Mar CONREP and VERTREP USS KISKA (AE-35)  
 18 Mar CONREP and VERTREP USS CARL VINSON (CVN-70)  
 CONREP and VERTREP USS ROANOKE (AOR-7)  
 19 Mar VERTREP USS INGERSOLL (DD-990)  
 CONREP USNS HASSAYAMPA (TAO-145)  
 20 Mar VERTREP USS INGERSOLL (DD-990)  
 CONREP USS ROANOKE (AOR-7)  
 21 Mar CONREP and VERTREP USS HEWITT (DD-996)  
 25 Mar Arrive Diego Garcia for onload  
 27 Mar Depart Diego Garcia  
 30 Mar CONREP and VERTREP USS TEXAS (CGN-39)  
 31 Mar CONREP USS GRIDLEY (CG-21)  
 3 Apr CONREP USS CARL VINSON (CVN-70)  
 VERTREP USS HEWITT (DD-966)  
 VERTREP USS DOWNES (FF-1070)  
 CONREP USS JASON (AR-8)  
 Refuel from USNS HASSAYAMPA (TAO-145)  
 5 Apr Moor alongside USS JASON (AR-8) for TAV  
 14 Apr Underway for Muscat, Oman  
 15 Apr Arrive Muscat, Oman for FFV onload. Underway P.M.  
 16 Apr Anchor Al Masirah, Oman to conduct Air Head Operations  
 VERTREP USS JASON (AR-8). Underway P.M.  
 17 Apr VERTREP USS FANNING (FF-1076)  
 18 Apr Detach from TG-70.3, Inchop to TG-70.4  
 CONREP and VERTREP USS CONSTELLATION (CV-64)  
 CONREP and VERTREP USS CAMDEN (AOE-2)  
 CONREP USS CROMMELIN (FFG-37)  
 CONREP USS WORDEN (CG-18)  
 22 Apr CONREP and VERTREP USS CALIFORNIA (CGN-36)  
 CONREP USNS PASSUMPIC (TAO-107)  
 23 Apr CONREP and VERTREP USS FLETCHER (DD-992)  
 CONREP and VERTREP USS CALLAGHAN (DDG-994)  
 27 Apr Detach from TG-70.4 for Fremantle, Australia  
 Initiation of Wogs to the Rights of the Deep  
 6 May Arrive Freemantle, Australia for Port Visit  
 13 May Depart Freemantle, Australia; Enroute Subic Bay, RP  
 23 May Arrive Subic Bay, RP for offload  
 25 May Depart Subic Bay, RP for Guam, MI  
 28 May Arrive Guam for leave and upkeep period  
 26 Jun COMMO Butcher Arrives  
 26-28 Jun Command Inspection  
 1 Jul Begin PMA at SRF Guam, MI  
 9 Sep Dock Trials SRF Guam, MI  
 10 Sep Fast Cruise  
 14 Sep Underway for Sea Trials, Guam Op-Areas  
 15 Sep Arrive Guam from Sea Trials  
 27 Sep Complete PMA SRF Guam, MI  
 7 Oct Underway for local operations, Guam Op-Areas  
 8 Oct Arrive Guam, MI  
 9 Oct Underway for Subic Bay, RP  
 CONREP USS PYRO (AE 24)



10 Oct CONREP USS PYRO (AE 24)  
 11 Oct CONREP USS PYRO (AE 24)  
 12 Oct CONREP USS PYRO (AE 24)  
 14 Oct Anchored Subic Bay, RP  
 Underway to moor Subic Bay, RP., for MTT Phase 1  
 16 Oct Underway for Yokosuka, Japan  
 21 Oct Arrive Yokosuka, Japan., for TRAV and TRE  
 2 Nov Underway for Subic Bay, RP  
 7 Nov Arrive Subic Bay, RP. for onload  
 11 Nov Underway, enroute NAS  
 18 Nov CONREP USS SHASTA (AE 33)  
 23 Nov Anchored Muscat, Oman for onload. Underway after unloaded  
 Anchored Al Masirah, Oman for onload. Underway P.M. Inchop to  
 TG-70.9  
 24 Nov VERTREP USS SARATOGA (CV 60)  
 25 Nov CONREP and VERTREP USS SARATOGA (CV 60)  
 CONREP and VERTREP USS JACK WILLIAMS (FFG 24)  
 26 Nov Arrive Muscat, Oman for onload  
 27 Nov Underway for Oman Op-Area Modloc  
 CONREP and VERTREP USS BIDDLE (CG 34)  
 28 Nov Anchored Al Masirah, Oman  
 29 Nov CONREP and VERTREP USS SARATOGA (CV 60)  
 CONREP and VERTREP USS JACK WILLIAMS (FFG 24)  
 CONREP and VERTREP USS MONONGAHELA (AO 178)  
 Anchored Al Masirah, Oman  
 30 Nov Underway for Diego Garcia  
 1 Dec CONREP and VERTREP USS CAPADONA (FF 1073)  
 CONREP and VERTREP USNS NAVASOTA (TAO 106)  
 2 Dec CONREP USS SCOTT (DDG 995)  
 4 Dec Initiation of Pollywogs to the Rights of the Deep  
 6 Dec Arrive Diego Garcia for onload/offload  
 7 Dec Underway for Subic Bay, RP  
 12 Dec CONREP and VERTREP USNS SPICA (AFS 9)  
 17 Dec Arrive Subic Bay, RP  
 19 Dec Underway for Guam, MI  
 19 Dec Commodore Webster presents Meritorious Unit Commendation Award  
 to NIAGARA FALLS and HELSUPPRON 5, Det 3 for period 19OCT84 to  
 28MAY85  
 23 Dec Arrive Guam, MI for leave/upkeep

# UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENT EVOLUTIONS OF 1985

<u>Date</u>	<u>Ship's</u>	<u>Evolution</u>	<u>Pallet</u>	<u>S/T</u>
05 Jan 85	USS MCCANDLESS (FF-1084)	CONREP	10	5.02
05 Jan 85	USS KING (DDG-3)	CONREP	9	13.43
05 Jan 85	USS J. DANIELS (CG-27)	CONREP-VERTREP	27	18.76
05 Jan 85	USS PLATTE (AO-186)	CONREP-VERTREP	5	1.99
05 Jan 85	USS HAYLER (DD-997)	CONREP-VERTREP	8	2.42
05 Jan 85	USNS MISPELLION (TAO-105)	CONREP	74	5.01
05 Jan 85	USS SANTA BARBARA (AE-28)	CONREP-VERTREP	67	46.45
05 Jan 85	USS INDEPENDENCE (CV-62)	CONREP-VERTREP	88	52.16
05 Jan 85	USS VULCAN (AR-5)	CONREP-VERTREP	70	35.35
05 Jan 85	USS ESTOCIN (FFG-15)	CONREP	6	.77
17 Jan 85	USS ESTOCIN (FFG-15)	CONREP-VERTREP	28	18.09
17 Jan 85	USS PLATTE (AO-186)	CONREP-VERTREP	20	9.99
17 Jan 85	USS INDEPENDENCE (CV-62)	CONREP-VERTREP	376	190.51
18 Jan 85	USS MCCANDLESS (FF-1084)	CONREP	45	17.99
18 Jan 85	USS J. KING (DDG-3)	CONREP	40	8.73
18 Jan 85	USS SANTA BARBARA (AE-28)	CONREP-VERTREP	42	25.37
18 Jan 85	USS J. DANIELS (CG-27)	CONREP-VERTREP	48	13.75
18 Jan 85	USNS MISPELLION (TAO-105)	CONREP	12	1.17
18 Jan 85	USS HAYLER (DD-997)	CONREP	70	35.83
20 Jan 85	USS DOWNES (FF-1070)	VERTREP	35	18.94
20 Jan 85	USS INGERSOLL (DD-990)	CONREP	32	16.65
20 Jan 85	USS VINSON (CVN-70)	CONREP-VERTREP	43	24.09
20 Jan 85	USS HEWITT (DD-966)	CONREP	30	17.12
21 Jan 85	USNS HASSAYAMPA (TAO-145)	VERTREP	33	3.68
21 Jan 85	USS ROANOKE (AOR-7)	VERTREP	6	1.63
21 Jan 85	USS KISKA (AE-35)	VERTREP	38	5.81
21 Jan 85	USS TEXAS (CGN-39)	VERTREP	35	
21 Jan 85	USS VULCAN (AR-5)	VERTREP	85	36.36
21 Jan 85	USS LEAHY (CG-16)	VERTREP	16	7.76
22 Jan 85	USS GRIDLEY (CG-21)	VERTREP	48	26.91
23 Jan 85	USS HAYLER (DD-997)	VERTREP	9	2.82
24 Jan 85	USS ROANOKE (AO-7)	CORNEP	8	3.48
24 Jan 85	USS DOWNES (FF-1070)	VERTREP	20	9.81
24 Jan 85	USS GRIDLEY (CG-21)	VERTREP	14	6.30
25 Jan 85	USS TEXAS (CGN-39)	VERTREP	37	24.41
25 Jan 85	USS VINSON (CVN-70)	CONREP-VERTREP	142	58.51
25 Jan 85	USS KISKA (AE-35)	VERTREP	10	2.32
25 Jan 85	USS LEAHY (CG-16)	CONREP	29	17.70
26 Jan 85	USS HEWITT (DD-966)	VERTREP	9	3.70
26 Jan 85	USS VULCAN (AR-5)	VERTREP	58	38.01
26 Jan 85	USNS HASSAYAMPA (TAO-145)	CONREP	21	6.35
28 Jan 85	USS INGERSOLL (DD-990)	CONREP	28	8.01
08 Feb 85	USS INGERSOLL (DD-990)	VERTREP	31	17.60
08 Feb 85	USS HEWITT (DD-966)	VERTREP	30	11.32
08 Feb 85	USS DOWNES (FF-1070)	VERTREP	21	5.85
09 Feb 85	USS VINSON (CVN-70)	CONREP-VERTREP	175	38.56

09 Feb 85	USNS HASSAYAMPA (TAO-145)	CONREP	9	2.06
09 Feb 85	USS GRIDLEY (CG-21)	VERTREP	35	11.11
10 Feb 85	USS KISKA (AE-35)	VERTREP	27	12.03
10 Feb 85	USS VULCAN (AR-5)	VERTREP	48	26.10
10 Feb 85	USS ROANOKE (AOR-7)	VERTREP	14	3.01
10 Feb 85	USS LEAHY (CG-16)	VERTREP	38	10.71
18 Feb 85	USS LEAHY (CG-16)	VERTREP	33	9.44
20 Feb 85	USS LEAHY (CG-16)	CONREP	5	1.00
20 Feb 85	USS VINSON (CVN-70)	CONREP-VERTREP	344	207.14
21 Feb 85	USNS HASSAYAMPA (TAO-14)	VERTREP	19	7.11
21 Feb 85	USS DOWNES (FF-1070)	VERTREP	29	11.72
21 Feb 85	USS HEWITT (DD-966)	VERTREP	25	12.29
21 Feb 85	USS KISKA (AE-35)	VERTREP	22	6.45
21 Feb 85	USS GRIDLEY (CG-21)	VERTREP	32	18.40
21 Feb 85	USS ROANOKE (AOR-7)	VERTREP	19	4.94
21 Feb 85	USS VULCAN (AR-5)	VERTREP	33	14.03
21 Feb 85	USS HAYLER (DD-997)	VERTREP	40	12.20
23 Feb 85	USS INGERSOLL (DD-990)	CONREP	34	6.87
06 Mar 85	USS INGERSOLL (DD-990)	CONREP	36	13.39
07 Mar 85	USS VINSON (CVN-70)	CONREP-VERTREP	745	326.24
07 Mar 85	USS DOWNES (FF-1070)	VERTREP	27	7.27
07 Mar 85	USNS HASSAYAMPA (TAO-145)	CONREP	18	2.45
08 Mar 85	USS KISKA (AE-35)	VERTREP	64	31.45
08 Mar 85	USS HEWITT (DD-966)	VERTREP	62	14.43
08 Mar 85	USS HAYLER (DD-997)	CONREP	22	9.79
09 Mar 85	USS GRIDLEY (CG-21)	VERTREP	44	20.71
11 Mar 85	USS TEXAS (CGN-39)	VERTREP	104	60.21
17 Mar 85	USS TEXAS (CGN-39)	CONREP-VERTREP	12	6.61
17 Mar 85	USS KISKA (AE-35)	CONREP-VERTREP	19	6.86
17 Mar 85	USS GRIDLEY (CG-21)	CONREP-VERTREP	31	20.37
18 Mar 85	USS VINSON (CVN-70)	CONREP-VERTREP	461	256.55
18 Mar 85	USS DOWNES (FF-1070)	VERTREP	23	11.56
18 Mar 85	USS LEAHY CG-16)	VERTREP	32	14.10
19 Mar 85	USNS HASSAYAMPA (TAO-145)	CONREP	6	2.40
19 Mar 85	USS INGERSOLL (DD-990)	VERTREP	24	11.81
20 Mar 85	USS ROANOKE (AOR-7)	CONREP	16	6.21
20 Mar 85	USS JASON (AR-8)	CONREP-VERTREP	44	32.31
21 Mar 85	USS HEWITT (DD-966)	VERTREP	21	7.92
12 Apr 85	USS JASON (AR-8)	CONREP	40	24.40
16 Apr 85	USS JASON (AR-8)	CONREP	40	24.40
17 Apr 85	USS FANNING (FF-1076)	VERTREP	21	13.42
18 Apr 85	USS CONSTELLATION (CV-64)	CONREP-VERTREP	63	77.18
18 Apr 85	USS CROMMELIN (FFG-37)	CONREP	15	4.64
18 Apr 85	USS CAMDEN (AOE-2)	CONREP-VERTREP	67	30.37
18 Apr 85	USS WORDEN (CG-18)	CORNREP	45	21.80
19 Apr 85	USNS PASSUMPSIC (TAO-107)	CONREP	9	1.28
19 Apr 85	USNS PASSUMPSIC (TAO-107)	CONREP	8	1.18
21 Apr 85	USS CALIFORNIA (CGN-36)	CONREP-VERTREP	55	23.35
21 Apr 85	USS LA SALLE (AGF-3)	VERTREP	35	19.60
22 Apr 85	USNS PASSUMPSIC (TAO-107)	CONREP	3	1.26
23 Apr 85	USS FLETCHER (DD-992)	CONREP-VERTREP	22	9.82

23 Apr 85	USS CALLAGHAN (DD-995)	CONREP-VERTREP	23	8.57
23 Nov 85	USS AJAX (AR-6)	VERTREP	24	6.25
23 Nov 85	USS BAKER (AE-34)	VERTREP	34	11.51
24 Nov 85	USS BIDDLE (CG-34)	VERTREP	17	6.11
25 Nov 85	USS MONONGAHELA (AO-178)	VERTREP	24	11.91
25 Nov 85	USS SARATOGA (CV-60)	CONREP-VERTREP	343	114.39
25 Nov 85	USS J. WILLIAMS (FFG-24)	CONREP	16	7.68
28 Nov 85	USS BIDDLE (CG-34)	CONREP	11	4.60
29 Nov 85	USS SARATOGA (CV-60)	VERTREP	51	25.43
29 Nov 85	USS MONONGAHELA (AO-178)	CONREP	4	1.53
29 Nov 85	USS J. WILLIAMS (FFG-24)	VERTREP	4	1.90
30 Nov 85	USS AJAX (AR-6)	VERTREP	21	17.49
30 Nov 85	USS BAKER (AE-34)	VERTREP	11	6.13
30 Nov 85	USS J. BROWN (FF-1089)	VERTREP	31	15.91
30 Nov 85	USS CONNOLLY (DDG-21)	VERTREP	4	1.28
30 Nov 85	USS BAKER (AE-34)	VERTREP	4	1.28
01 Dec 85	USS CAPODANNO (FF-1053)	VERTREP	33	12.01
01 Dec 85	USNS NAVASOTA (TAO-106)	CONREP	14	8.52
02 Dec 85	USS SCOTT (DD-995)	CONREP-VERTREP	33	10.70
12 Dec 85	USNS SPICA (T-AFS-9)	CONREP-VERTREP	<u>363</u>	<u>196.98</u>
		TOTAL	<u>6171</u>	<u>2,878.62</u>

### NARRATIVE OF 1985

USS NIAGARA FALLS and her crew began 1985 inport Singapore to onload supplies and a well deserved holiday port visit. After the short rest period, NIAGARA FALLS was underway in support of TG-70.9. On 5 January the "Fighting FALLS" replenished six ships; USS INDEPENDENCE (CV-62), USS JOSEPHUS DANIELS (CG-27), USS JOHN KING (DDG-3), USS ESTOCIN (FFG-15) USS SANTA BARBARA (AE-28), and USNS MISPELLION (TAO-105) before proceeding to Diego Garcia.

Upon arrival in Diego Garcia on 10 January, the "FALLS" commenced unloading supplies for the next two days, departing Diego Garcia on 12 January for the return trip to the North Arabian Sea (NAS).

Arriving back in the NAS, NIAGARA FALLS joined with TG-70.9 and commenced two days of UNREPS, providing services to USS INDEPENDENCE (CV-62), USS ESTOCIN (FFG-15), USS PLATTE (AO-86), and USS SANTA BARBARA (AE-28) on 17 January. Then, on 18 January, she replenished USS HAYLER (DD-997), USS JOHN KING (DDG-3), USS SANTA BARBARA (AE-86), and refuelled from USNS MISPELLION (TAO-105) on 18 January.

On 19 January, the NIAGARA FALLS detached from TG-70.9, and joined TG-70.3. Once again the "Fighting FALLS" showed her spirit by providing services to the fleet over the next three days. On the 20th of January to USS CARL VINSON (CVN-70), USS HEWITT (DD-966), USS INGERSOLL (DD-990), and USS DOWNES (FF-1070). On the 21st of January to USS HAYLER (DD-997), USS ESTOCIN (FFG-15), USS KISKA (AE-35), and USS VULCAN (AR-5). The "FALLS" also received fuel from USS ROANOKE (AOR-7) on the 21st. The 22nd of January saw the "Fighting FALLS" providing services to USS GRIDLEY (CG-21).

NIAGARA FALLS arrived in Muscat, Oman on the 23rd of January to replenish her supplies, getting underway that evening to re-supply USS HAYLER (DD-997). 24 January saw the "FALLS" providing services to USS GRIDLEY (CG-21), USS DOWNES (FF-1070), and refueling from USS ROANOKE (AOR-7).

NIAGARA FALLS continued to provide services to TG-70.3 on 25 and 26 January by CONREPPING/VERTREPPING seven ships in those two days. On the 26th, the "FALLS" also anchored off Al Masirah, Oman for an onload of supplies. Underway again the "Fighting FALLS" VERTREPPED the USS ROANOKE (AOR-7), and CONREPPED and VERTREPPED the USS INGERSOLL (DD-990) over the next two days, before leaving for Diego Garcia.

Arriving in Diego Garcia on 2 February, the NIAGARA FALLS started receiving supplies for the next two days. Underway on February 4th, the NIAGARA FALLS turned North towards the North Arabian Sea and CTG-70.3. Rejoining the Battle Group on the 8th, the "Fighting FALLS" immediately went back to work by suppling services to 11 ships and refueling from USNS HASSAYAMPA (TAO-145) during the next three days. Upon completing the last underway replenishment on the 10th of February, NIAGARA FALLS anchored at Al Masirah for a Training Availability. 12 and 16 February was spent providing Air Head Operations for USS GRIDLEY (CG-21), USS VULCAN (AR-5), and USS KISKA (AE-35).

Underway from Al Masirah on 17 February, the "Fighting FALLS" provided services to USS LEAHY (CG-16), and USS ROANOKE (AOR-7) before arriving in Muscat, Oman for an FFV onload on the 19th. The next three days saw the FALLS servicing nine ships before detaching for Diego Garcia on the 22nd of February. On the transit to Diego Garcia, the NIAGARA FALLS participated in Operation BEACON Flash 85-4 with CTG-70.3 by fulfilling the role of the Over-the-Horizon targeting platform for the Battle Group.

Upon arrival in Diego Garcia, the NIAGARA FALLS resupplied USS JASON (AR-8) and then commenced her onload, and a few days of well deserved rest. Underway on 2 March, NIAGARA FALLS turned North to the NAS. On the way she provided services to the SAAW picket, USS INGERSOLL (DD-990), before rejoining the rest of the Battle Group on the 7th of March.

During the next five days the NIAGARA FALLS served nine ships, distinguishing herself during a major replenishment at sea evolution with USS CARL VINSON (CVN-70). During this evolution, NIAGARA FALLS delivered over 900 pallets of supplies to USS CARL VINSON (CVN-70) and her escorts in a seven hour period.

13 March found the FALLS conducting a PAX transfer with FS DUPLIX. Refueling from USNS HASSAYAMPA (TAO-15) on 14 March, and VERTREPPING USS DOWNES (FF-1070) on the 15th, NIAGARA FALLS then turned towards Muscat, Oman for another onload. During the next five days, the FALLS provided supplies to eight Battle Group ships before turning South to Diego Garcia on 21 March.

Arriving in Diego Garcia on 25 March, NIAGARA FALLS commenced her onload, finishing and getting underway on the 27th, of March. During the transit to the NAS, the NIAGARA FALLS provided Over-the-Horizon targeting practice for TG-70.3 during Operation ASUWEX 85-2 then being conducted in the NAS.

During 30 and 31 March, NIAGARA FALLS provided underway replenishment services to USS TEXAS (CGN-39), and USS GRIDLEY (CG-21). Rejoining the Battle Group, NIAGARA FALLS immediately went back to work by CONREPPING and/or VERTREPPING USS CARL VINSON (CVN-70), USS HEWITT (DD-966), USS DOWNES (FF-1070), USS JASON (AR-8), and refueling from USNS HASSAYAMPA (TAO-145) on 3 April. Upon completion of the underway replenishment evolutions, NIAGARA FALLS proceeded to Al Masirah to moor alongside USS JASON (AR-8) for a nine day TAV.

Underway of 14 April for Muscat, Oman for an FFV onload, NIAGARA FALLS returned to Al Masirah, Oman on 16 April to conduct Air Head Operations, and VERTREP USS JASON (AR-8). 17 April saw the "Fighting FALLS" conclude her operations with TG-70.3 by VERTREPPING USS FANNING (FF-1076).

Detaching from CTG-70.3 on 18 April, NIAGARA FALLS joined CTG-70.4 and spent a full day of alongside replenishment with USS CONSTELLATION (CV-64), USS CAMDEN (AOE-2), USS CROMMELIN (FFG-37), and USS WORDEN (CG-18). 22 and 23 April were spent alongside USS CALIFORNIA (CGN-36), USNS PASSUMPSIC (TAO-107), USS FLETCHER (DD-992), and USS CALLAGHAN (DDG-994). The 27th of April was a welcome sight for the officers and men of NIAGARA FALLS, as the "Fighting FALLS" detached from CTG-70.4 and turned her bow towards Fremantle, Australia.

USS NAIGARA FALLS (AFS 3) received the MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION medal and

the following citation from the Secretary of the Navy for services rendered during her arduous seven and one half month deployment.

"For Meritorious service during unprecedented support of three sequential Indian Ocean Carrier Battle Groups from 19 October 1984 to 28 May 1985 while forward deployed to SEVENTH Fleet. USS NIAGARA FALLS (AFS 3) steamed 4,600 hours covering 51,000 nautical miles during 181 days underway in support of 37 different ships. With unsurpassed dedication and initiative, USS NIAGARA FALLS delivered 4,700 tons of cargo, 168 tons of mail, 1,587 passengers, and 1.3 million gallons of fuel to customer ships. During 193 and 2,375 vertical lifts, displaying impeccable seamanship for CONREPS and equally impressive airmanship for VERTREPS. USS NIAGARA FALLS delivered 34,000 line items to customers with 92.6 percent effectiveness in comparison to the Type Commander's goals. Through flexibility and professional excellence, the crewmembers of USS NIAGARA FALLS contributed directly and significantly to the overall readiness and sustainability of SEVENTH Fleet ships. By their diligence, resourcefulness, and total dedication to duty, the officers and enlisted personnel of USS NIAGARA FALLS (AFS 3) reflected credit upon themselves and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Upon arriving in Fremantle, Australia the officers and men of the NIAGARA FALLS began a well earned six days of rest and relaxation. Departing the NAIGARA FALLS set her course for Subic Bay, RP to offload supplies, which took place 23 to 25 May. The offload completed, the "Fighting FALLS" set sail for home, arriving in Guam, MI on the 28th of May for leave and upkeep period.

On 26 June, Commodore Butcher visited the NIAGARA FALLS to conduct the Command Inspection from 26-28 June. This was highlighted by the personnel inspection for all hands on 28 June.

1 July started a three month PMA period for NIAGARA FALLS. During this period, four major ship alterations were completed:

- a. Ship air conditioning system was modified.
- b. The emergency diesel system was upgraded to 500KW.
- c. The ABC system was modified.
- d. The Navigational lights were altered.

9, 10, and 14 September saw NIAGARA FALLS conduct Dock Trials, Fast Cruise, and Sea Trials respectively. 27 September brought the completion of the PMA at Ship Repair Facility, Guam.

NIAGARA FALLS began her retraining phase of operations on 7 October by conducting operations in the local OP-AREAS for two days before returning to Guam. On 9 October the FALLS was once again underway for Subic Bay, RP to conduct MTT Phase I. During the transit to with USS PYRO (AE-24). Upon arrival in Subic Bay, the FALLS conducted a precision anchorage before proceeding to her assigned berth.

Upon completion of MTT Phase I, NIAGARA FALLS got underway on 16 October for Yokosuka, JA. Arriving in Yokosuka on the 21st of October for TRE and a Training Availability. 2 November saw the NIAGARA FALLS point her bow towards Subic Bay, RP to onload supplies. USNS SPICA (AFS-9), had a major fire in her main engineering space, and the "Fighting FALLS" was tasked to fulfill SPICA's obligation in the NAS. 11 November, the NIAGARA FALLS was once again enroute to the North Arabian Sea. Enroute NAS, the FALLS consoled with USS SHASTA (AE-33) on 18 November. 23 November, the NIAGARA FALLS unloaded supplies at Muscat, Oman, and at Al Masirah, Oman before inchopping to CTG-70.9.

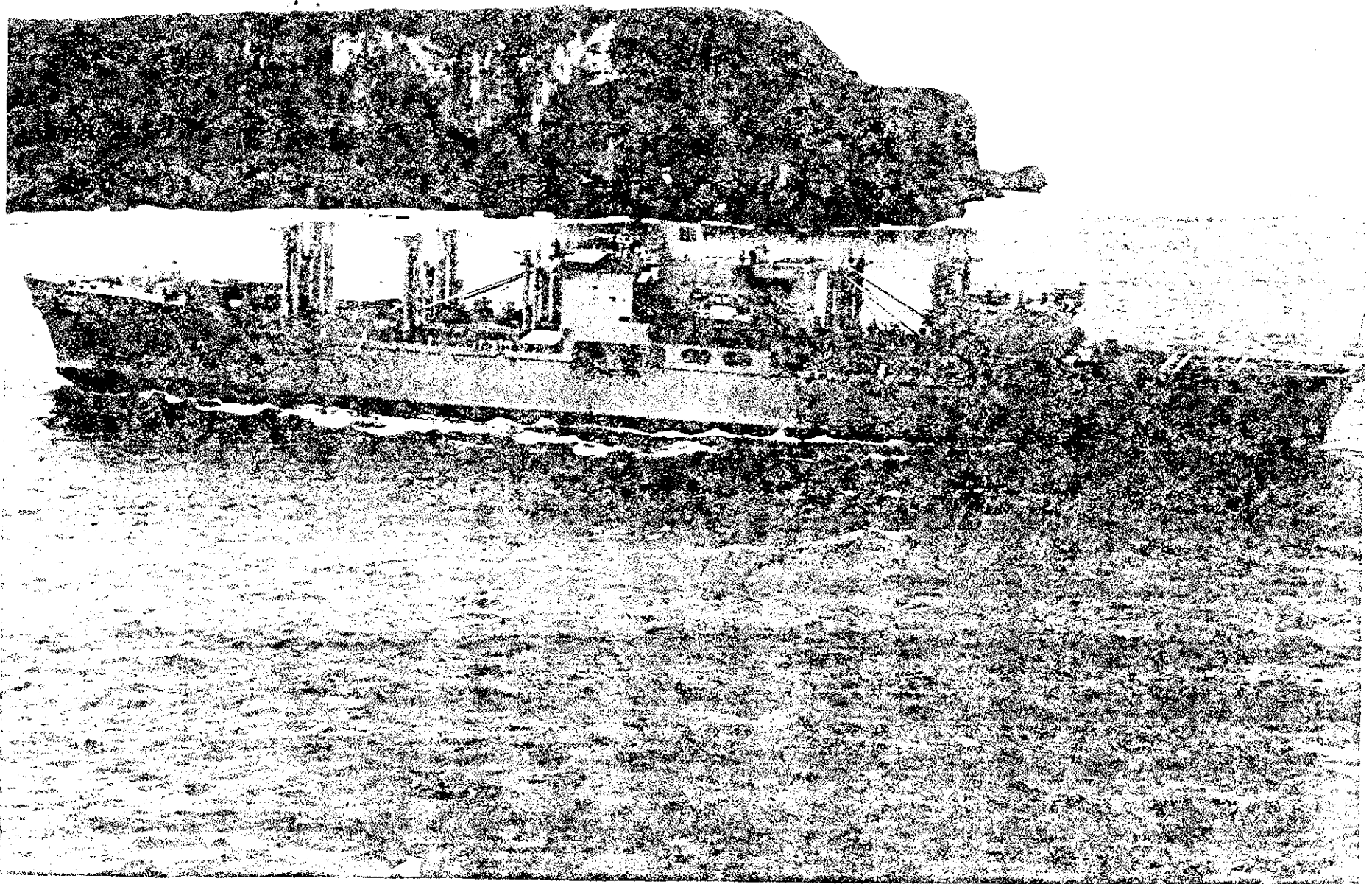
24 and 25 November, the NIAGARA FALLS conducted underway replenishments with USS SARATOGA (CV-60), and USS JACK WILLIAMS (FFG-24). After replenishing her supplies in Muscat, Oman on the 26th, NIAGARA FALLS CONREPPED/VERTREPPED USS BIDDLE (CG-34) on 27 November. Anchored at Al Masirah the 28th of November, NIAGARA FALLS was underway the 29th to provide services to three ships of CTG-70.9 before returning to Al Masirah that evening.

The 30th of November saw the NAIGARA FALLS underway for Diego Garcia. Enroute, providing services to USS CAPADANNO (FF-1073), USNS NAVASOTA (TAO-106), and USS SCOTT (DDG-995). The 4th of December was a memorable day for the crew of the NIAGARA FALLS. She was able to clear her decks of pollywogs, and by the end of the day had a crew of trusty shellbacks aboard.

Arriving in Diego Garcia on December, NIAGARA FALLS began two days of onload/offload prior to her trip to Subic Bay, RP. Enroute Subic Bay, NIAGARA FALLS consoled with USNS SPICA (ARS-9) on 12 December. Arriving in Subic Bay on 17 December, NIAGARA FALLS offloaded supplies again. Finishing the offload, the "Fighting FALLS" set sail for home on 19 December, arriving in Guam on the 23rd, just in time for the Christmas holidays. NIAGARA FALLS spent the rest of the year at home.

During the course of the year, USS NIAGARA FALLS (AFS 3) served four Carrier Battle Groups providing 6,171 alongside and verticle lifts, comprising a total of well over 2,878 tons of supplies delivered. 1985 was a very busy year for USS NIAGARA FALLS (AFS 3). A year in which she showed that she is **"THE BEST AFS IN THE FLEET"**.





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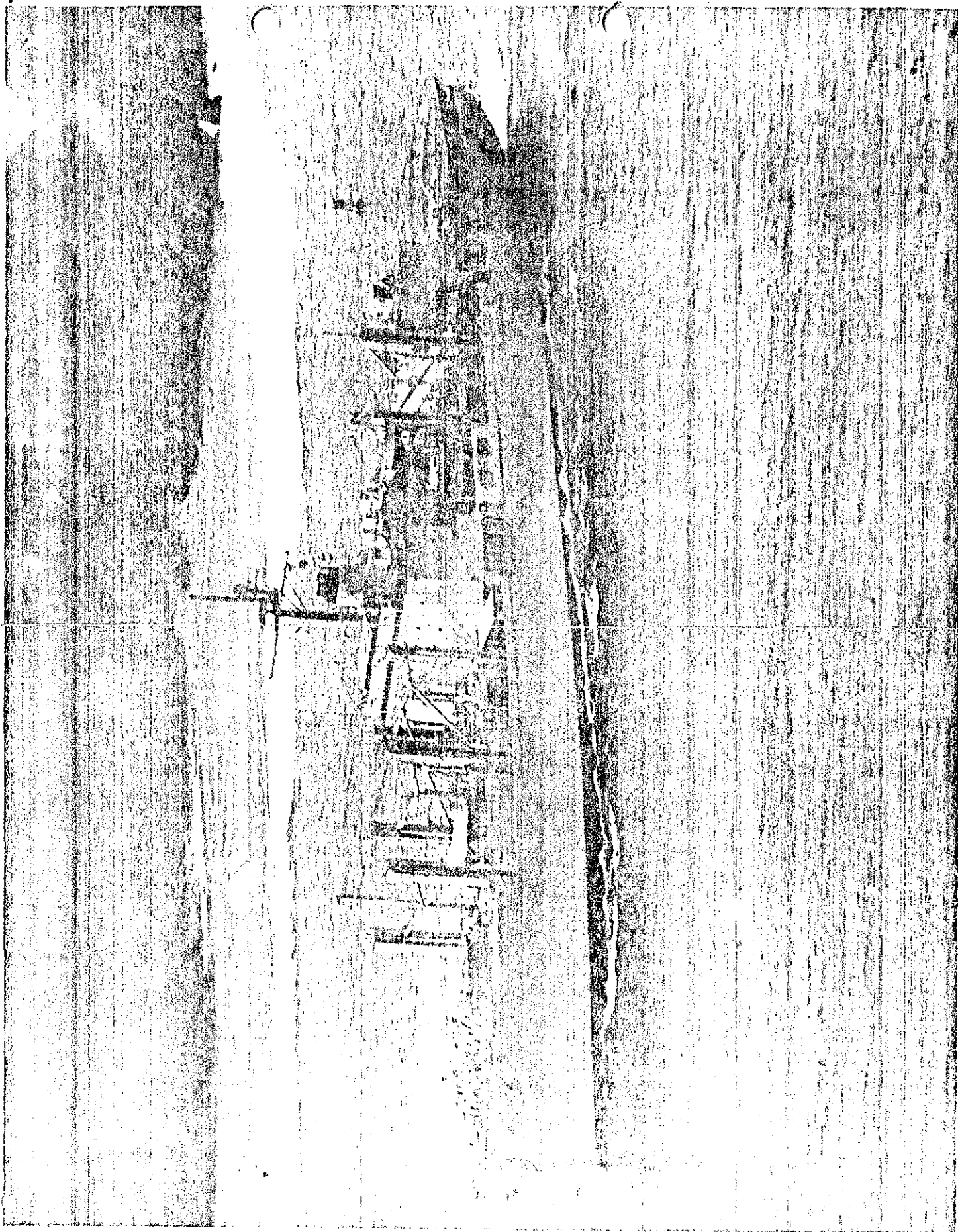
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